

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING
of
THE CONSERVATION ACQUISITION BOARD
(CAB)
of
THE ARIZONA STATE PARKS BOARD

Notice is hereby given to members of the Conservation Acquisition Board (CAB) and the general public that the CAB will hold a meeting open to the public on **Wednesday, August 10, 2011, at 10:00 a.m. at Arizona State Parks, in the Board Room located in the basement of 1300 W. Washington, Phoenix, Arizona**, pursuant to A.R.S. § 41-511.05 and A.R.S. § 41-511.25.

The CAB may go into Executive Session for any agenda item at any time during the meeting to discuss or consult with its legal counsel for legal advice on matters listed on this agenda pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03 et seq. Items on the Agenda may be discussed out of order, unless they have been specifically noted to be set for a time certain. Public comment will be taken.

AGENDA

(The Chair reserves the right to set the order of the agenda)

- A. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**
- B. INTRODUCTION OF MEMBERS AND STAFF**
- C. ELECTION OF OFFICERS**
- D. ACTION ITEMS**

- 1. Approval of minutes from the August 11, 2010**

E. GRANT APPLICATIONS PRESENTATION

- 1. Consider Funding FY 2011 Growing Smarter State Trust Land Acquisition Projects.** CAB will consider the following grant applications:

- i. City of Phoenix – \$3,179,110 for the purchase of 317.911 acres of the Phoenix Sonoran Preserve – Priority 3B
- ii. City of Phoenix - \$2,710,530 for the purchase of 271.053 acres of the Phoenix Sonoran Preserve- Priority 3C
- iii. City of Scottsdale - \$25M for the purchase of 1,937.19 acres of the McDowell Sonoran Preserve – Parcel 2 – Rock Knob to Fraesfield Mountain
- iv. City of Scottsdale - \$25M for the purchase of 2,482.20 acres of the McDowell Sonoran Preserve – Parcel 3 – Rawhide Wash to Granite Mountain

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All recommendations for grant awards will be conditioned upon the appraisals and parcel sizes being approved by the State Land Commissioner, and that the applicants are the highest and best bidders at public auction. A total of \$80,920,000 is available for the FY 2011 Growing Smarter State Trust Land Acquisition Grant Program.

A.R.S. §41-511.23.H.2 states that no more than 50% of the Land Conservation Fund from any one fiscal year may be awarded to projects in a single county. This means that no more than **\$40,460,000** can be awarded in any single county (50% of the *total* amount available in any fiscal year).

F. REPORTS – Board and staff reports may be written or verbal.


- 2. Parks Board Actions on CAB Items**
- 3. Legislative Update**
- 4. The State of Arizona State Parks**

G. CALL TO THE PUBLIC - Consideration and discussion of comments and complaints from the public. Those wishing to address the Board must register at the door and be recognized by the Chair. It is probably that each presentation will be limited to one person per organization. Action taken as a result of public comment will be limited to directing staff to study or reschedule the matter for further consideration at a later time.

H. SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS, MATTERS OF BOARD PROCEDURE REQUESTS AND ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA

I. ADJOURNMENT

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THE ARIZONA STATE PARKS BOARD
(ASPB)
Offices of Arizona State Parks
1300 W. Washington St.
Phoenix, AZ**

A. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Chair McNichol called the meeting to order at 1:19 pm.

Board Members Present: John Graham
Christopher McNichol
Taber Anderson
Jeff Swango (via teleconference)

(Note: The CAB is awaiting appointment of three more members.)

Board Members Absent: None

Staff Members Present: Annie McVay, Resource Planner
Dan Shein, Chief of Resource Management
Jay Ziemann, Assistant Director

Guests: Chris Ewell, City of Phoenix
Kroy Ekblaw, City of Scottsdale
Scott Hamilton, City of Scottsdale
Todd Graeff, Coconino County
Jeanne Trupiano, Coconino County

B. INTRODUCTION OF MEMBERS AND STAFF

Members and Staff introduced themselves.

D. ACTION ITEMS

1. Approval of minutes from August 11, 2010

Mr. Anderson moved to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Graham seconded the motion, which carried with no further discussion.

E. GRANT APPLICATION PRESENTATIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Ms. McVay said that three applications had been received from the City of Phoenix, the City of Scottsdale, and Coconino County. The grant recommendations report shows the breakout of grant requests; total project costs requests, final appraisal amount, and total

amount recommended for award. Ms. McVay recommended voting on City of Phoenix and City of Scottsdale first and separating Coconino County because there may be more discussion due to an appraisal value appeal.

The first application was the City of Phoenix application, Sonoran Preserve, Priority 2D and 3A. Mr. Ewell, City of Phoenix, provided a brief description of the property.

The land consists of 1,139 acres with numerous washes, desert bajadas and steep, mountainous area south of Carefree Highway. These lands are adjacent to lands previously purchased/conserved as the Sonoran Preserve with Growing Smarter State Trust Land Acquisition Program funding. The Arizona Game and Fish Department has deemed the property important.

Mr. Swango asked if the appraised value of the property is consistent with last year. Mr. Ewell replied that it was lower. Mr. Anderson asked what the difference was between 2D and 3A. Mr. Ewell responded that it is an internal City of Phoenix designation used to prioritize the parcels since they knew they would be buying the properties in sections. Mr. McNichol asked what the City's plan is if the Growing Smarter funds are not available. Mr. Ewell replied he hopes the monies remain intact but that if needed the City would adjust by buying smaller parcels. He indicated if they had known the value would have come in at the rate they did, they would have applied for more this current year.

Ms. McVay noted that the next application was from the City of Scottsdale. Mr. Ekblaw, City of Scottsdale, provided a brief description of the property. He stated they have broken up the McDowell Sonoran Preserve into priority sections. This year will add 2,000 acres to an existing 2,000 acres and will total 18,000 acres when acquisitions are finally complete. These parcels include Cone Mountain, undulating terrain, vegetation, equestrian and hiking trails both existing and planned.

It was asked if there was any private land left to acquire in the preserve. Mr. Ekblaw indicated there was but it was less than 10 acres. The balance of 18,000 acres is State Trust Land.

Mr. Anderson moved to approve funding for the following two projects:

- Up to \$20,000,000 to the City of Phoenix for the purchase of 1,138(+/-) acres of the Phoenix Sonoran Preserve – Priority 2D and 3A
- Up to \$25,000,000 to the City of Scottsdale for the purchase of 2,000 acres of the McDowell Sonoran Preserve

The final grant amounts will be based on the Arizona State Land Department (ASLD) final appraisal value of the parcels, agreed upon by the applicants, plus no more than 10% for eligible associated costs. If the auction takes place after October 26, 2010 the grant shall be awarded only if, after the November 2, 2010 election, money remains in the Growing Smarter fund sufficient to pay the grant award. I further move that this recommendation be forwarded to the Arizona State Parks Board for final action.

Mr. Graham seconded. Motion passed.

Ms. McVay went on to the next application from Coconino County for Rogers Lake. Ms. McVay said we should start the discussion with a description of the property before moving on to any discussion regarding the appraised value.

Mr. Graeff, Coconino County, gave a description of the property. Rogers Lake in terms of ecological significance is one of the most significant in Northern Arizona. In 2001, when the City of Flagstaff and Coconino County completed a Land Use Plan, Rogers Lake identified this as a priority for conservation and the voters passed a ballot to preserve open space – Rogers Lake was listed on this ballot. Rogers Lake encompasses 2,249 acres containing the largest natural wetland between the San Francisco Peaks and the Mogollon Rim, surrounded by forested uplands. It is situated in Coconino County within 10 miles of the City of Flagstaff. The project will provide for protection of open space, wildlife habitat and unobstructed panoramic views of the San Francisco Peaks to the north and Woody Ridge to the south. Coconino County intends to manage Rogers Lake to 1) preserve the existing open space, 2) protect and enhance wetland and upland habitats for both plant and animal communities, c) provide opportunities for environmental education and scientific research and d) offer opportunities for the public to experience wildlife viewing and enjoy low-impact recreational activities.

It was asked why part of the lake is outside the bounds of the purchase. Mr. Graeff explained the parts of the lake outside the bounds are either Forest Service land or private land. It was asked if this would affect the ability to manage the values of the lake. Mr. Graeff stated the County had relationships with these parties and there is a Rogers Lake Stakeholder Group that has decided on consensus objectives.

Ms. McVay stated there is discussion and differing perspectives over the appraisal value of the property. The original appraisal value commissioned by the State Land Department estimated the value at \$39 million. Coconino County felt his value was high and appealed the appraisal. The State Land Department's Appraisal Board heard the appeal last Thursday, August 5, 2010. The Appraisal Board ruled an appealed value at \$11.8 million. The Land Commissioner then set a minimum auction bid for the property at \$18 million.

Mr. McNichol asked if CAB were to approve the \$21 million originally listed as Staff Recommendation, what the impacts would be. Ms. McVay replied it would give Coconino County the most flexibility. Staff is recommending today approving half of the minimum auction bid of \$18 million plus 10% eligible costs. It was asked if the price went over \$18 million, what Coconino County's options would be in regards to matching funds. It was stated that it is unlikely the price set by the Land Commissioner would increase. If Coconino County continues its appeal it may reduce but it's hard to imagine it would increase. If the price at auction goes up from the minimum bid, Coconino County would be responsible for the difference. The Growing Smarter policy has been to fund half of the appraised value or in this case half the minimum auction bid but not any bidding increase that may happen at the auction.

CAB discussed the options of what number to fund; the original appraised value (\$39 million), the Board of Appeals value (\$11.8 million) or the price set by the Land Commissioner (\$18 million). The Board clarified that their role was to determine the conservation values of properties to be purchased with Growing Smarter Funds and it was not our role to determine appraisal value of the properties.

There was discussion over the amount that could be reimbursed; it was recommended by the Attorney General Representative that the Growing Smarter Funds can be applied towards half of the appraised value or minimum bid set at auction plus 10% eligible costs. The Board discussed if they stick with the original intent of the program, which was the final appraisal value or go to the set by the Land Commissioner. The Board decided they felt going with the original appraisal that was approved by the Land Commissioner would be in line with the mechanics of the program and consistent with the language they used for all past approvals including the two earlier today. The Board expressed they were not taking a stance on the value of the land, they felt the appropriate value would be determined through the processes of the Land Department and Coconino County and approving the original number would provide the most flexibility to the applicant.

Mr. Graham moved to approve funding for the following project:

- Up to \$21,000,000 to Coconino County for the purchase of 2,249 acres of Rogers Lake

The final grant amounts will be based on the Arizona State Land Department (ASLD) minimum bid at auction, plus no more than 10% for eligible associated costs. If the auction takes place after October 26, 2010 the grant shall be awarded only if, after the November 2, 2010 election, money remains in the Growing Smarter fund sufficient to pay the grant award. I further move that this recommendation be forwarded to the Arizona State Parks Board for final action.

Mr. Graham noted for the record CAB is not taking a position on the appraisal value of the property.

Mr. Anderson seconded. Motion passed.

G. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

No public comment.

H. SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS, MATTERS OF BOARD PROCEDURE, REQUESTS AND ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA

Mr. Ziemann informed the Board they were invited to the November 17, 2010 Parks Board meeting to provide an update on CAB's activities. CAB requested a summary of how the Growing Smarter Land Conservation Fund has been spent over the past decade. This would be in important report to showcase the success of the fund. Staff agreed and will put this together.

I. TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

Conservation Acquisition Board – Meeting of August 11, 2010

To be determined.

J. ADJOURNMENT

Chair McNichol adjourned the meeting at 2:10 pm.



Conservation Acquisition Board Action Report

Agenda Item #:

Title: Consider Funding for FY 2011 Growing Smarter State Trust Land Acquisition Fund Grant Applications
Staff Lead: Doris Pulsifer, Chief of Resources & Public Programs
Date: August 10, 2011

Options for Recommended Motion:

In an effort to most effectively meet the statutory designs of the program, staff has identified at least these options:

- (1) I move to recommend to the State Parks Board to approve the funding of the following top two highest rated projects, for up to the total amount available for projects in Maricopa County - (\$40,460,000):
 - City of Scottsdale – McDowell Sonoran Preserve Parcel 2 for the purchase of 1,937.19 acres for up to \$22,550,000, and
 - City of Scottsdale – McDowell Sonoran Preserve Parcel 3 for the purchase of 2,482.2 acres for up to \$17,910,000.
- (2) I move to recommend to the State Parks Board to approve the funding of the following:
 - The top priority of the highest rated project for the City of Scottsdale (Parcel 2) for up to \$22,550,000, and
 - Fully fund the highest rated project for the City of Phoenix (Priority 3-B) for up to \$3,190,000, and
 - Fund the second priority for the City of Scottsdale (Parcel 3) up to the balance remaining of the total funding available for projects in Maricopa County, which is \$40,460,000. (The total grant award will be the sum of \$14,720,000 plus any unexpended balances from the award of \$22,550,000 to the City of Scottsdale and the award of \$3,190,000 to the City of Phoenix).
- (3) I move to recommend to the State Parks Board to approve funding all four applications up to an amount that equals the percentage (84.3796%) of the eligible amount for each project, based on a ratio of the total amount available to the total amount eligible (ratio of \$40,460,000 to \$47,950,000):
 - City of Scottsdale – McDowell Sonoran Preserve Parcel 2 for the purchase of 1,937.19 acres for up to \$17,297,810, and
 - City of Scottsdale – McDowell Sonoran Preserve Parcel 3 for the purchase of 2,482.2 acres for up to \$18,985,410, and
 - City of Phoenix – Sonoran Preserve Priority 3-B for the purchase of 317.911 acres for up to \$2,447,000, and
 - City of Phoenix – Sonoran Preserve Priority 3-C for the purchase of 271.053 for up to \$1,729,780.

The final grant amounts will be based on the Arizona State Land Department (ASLD) final appraisal value of the parcels, agreed upon by the applicants, plus no more than 10% for eligible associated costs. Approval of the awards is contingent upon the appraised land value being finalized before December 31, 2011, and that any issues pertaining to the Conservation Easements are resolved. I further move that this recommendation be forwarded to the Arizona State Parks Board for final action.

Status to Date:

Background-

The purpose of the Land Conservation Fund is to conserve open spaces in or near urban areas and other areas experiencing high growth pressures. This is accomplished by awarding grants for the purchase or lease of State Trust land that has been classified as suitable for conservation purposed by the Arizona State Land Department (ASLD).

In 1998 the voters passed Proposition 303, which established an annual \$20 million appropriation by the Arizona State Legislature from the General Fund to the Land Conservation Fund (A.R.S.§41-511.23). The annual appropriation began in FY 2001 and continues through FY 2011.

In May 2003, the Governor signed a bill directing \$2 million annually be transferred to the Livestock and Crop Conservation Fund which is administered by the Arizona Department of Agriculture.

Current Status-

Staff received the following four applications for the FY 2011 Growing Smarter State Trust Land Acquisition Grant Program:

| <u>Applicant</u> | <u>Acres</u> | <u>Parcel Name</u> | <u>Acquisition Type</u> | <u>County</u> |
|-------------------------|---------------------|---|--------------------------------|----------------------|
| City of Phoenix | 317.911 | Phoenix Sonoran Preserve Priority 3B | Purchase | Maricopa |
| City of Phoenix | 271.053 | Phoenix Sonoran Preserve Priority 3C | Purchase | Maricopa |
| City of Scottsdale | 1,937.19 | McDowell Sonoran Preserve Parcel 2 – Rock Knob to Fraesfield Mountain | Purchase | Maricopa |
| City of Scottsdale | 2,482.20 | McDowell Sonoran Preserve Parcel 3 – Rawhide Wash to Granite Mountain | Purchase | Maricopa |

A.R.S. §41-511.23.H.2 states that no more than 50% of the Land Conservation Fund from any one fiscal year may be awarded to projects in a single county. This means that no more than **\$40,460,000** can be awarded in any single county (50% of the *total* amount available in any fiscal year). For the FY 2011 Growing Smarter Grant Program all projects are in a single county – Maricopa County.

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The rating team scored the applications per the rating criteria in the FY 2011 Growing Smarter State Trust Land Acquisition Grant Manual and determined that all parcels applied for are unquestionably eligible.

Attached is the summary list of applications for the projects indicating the rating scores and funding requests.

The recommended funding is as follows:

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| Total Available Revenue for Grants | \$ 80,920,000 |
| Total recommended awards | \$ 40,460,000 |
| Remaining Uncommitted Balance | \$ 40,460,000 |

Staff identified the following funding options:

1) Fund the top two highest rated projects, for up to the total amount available for projects in Maricopa County - (\$40,460,000):

| Applicant | Parcel | Acres | Grant Amount Requested | Funding Amount Recommended Up to: | Rating Score |
|--------------------|---------------|--------------|-------------------------------|--|---------------------|
| City of Scottsdale | 2 | 1,937.19 | \$25,000,000 | \$22,550,000 | 46 |
| City of Scottsdale | 3 | 2,482.20 | \$25,000,000 | \$17,910,000 | 46 |
| City of Phoenix | 3B | -0- | \$ 3,179,110 | \$ -0- | 40 |
| City of Phoenix | 3C | -0- | \$ 2,710,530 | \$ -0- | 35 |
| | Total | 4,419.39 | Total | \$40,460,000 | |

2) Fully fund the top priority of the highest rated project for the City of Scottsdale (Parcel 2) for \$22,550,000, and fully fund the highest rated project for the City of Phoenix (Priority 3-B) for \$3,190,000, and fund the second priority for the City of Scottsdale (Parcel 3) up to the balance remaining of the total funding available for projects in Maricopa County \$14,720,000.

| Applicant | Parcel | Acres | Grant Amount Requested | Funding Amount Recommended Up to: | Rating Score |
|--------------------|---------------|--------------|-------------------------------|--|---------------------|
| City of Scottsdale | 2 | 1,937.19 | \$25,000,000 | \$22,550,000 | 46 |
| City of Phoenix | 3B | 317.91 | \$ 3,179,110 | \$ 3,190,000 | 40 |
| City of Scottsdale | 3 | 2,482.20 | \$25,000,000 | *\$14,720,000 | 46 |
| City of Phoenix | 3C | -0- | \$ 2,710,530 | \$ -0- | 35 |
| | Total | 4,737.30 | Total | \$40,460,000 | |

*Fund the second priority for the City of Scottsdale (Parcel 3) up to the balance remaining of the total funding available for projects in Maricopa County, which is \$40,460,000. (The total grant award will be the sum of \$14,720,000 plus any unexpended balances from the award of \$22,550,000 to the City of Scottsdale and the award of \$3,190,000 to the City of Phoenix).

3) Fund all four applications up to an amount that equals the percentage (84.3796%) of the eligible amount for each project, based on a ratio of the total amount available to the total amount eligible (ratio of \$40,460,000 to \$47,950,000).

| Applicant | Parcel | Acres | Grant Amount Requested | Funding Amount Recommended Up to: | Rating Score |
|--------------------|---------------|--------------|-------------------------------|--|---------------------|
| City of Scottsdale | 2 | 1,937.19 | \$25,000,000 | \$17,297,810 | 46 |
| City of Scottsdale | 3 | 2,482.20 | \$25,000,000 | \$18,985,410 | 46 |
| City of Phoenix | 3B | -0- | \$ 3,179,110 | \$ 2,447,000 | 40 |
| City of Phoenix | 3C | -0- | \$ 2,710,530 | \$ 1,729,780 | 35 |
| | Total | 4,419.39 | Total | \$40,460,000 | |

Additional issues raised by the Arizona State Land Department during this cycle include concerns regarding extension of future Infrastructure as they relate to APS dispositions.

Grant awards will be contingent upon issues affecting any conservation easements are resolved prior to disbursement of funds.

Time Frame:

The Arizona State Parks Board will consider the recommended FY 2011 Growing Smarter grant funding awards at their Board meeting on September 14, 2011. Should the Parks Board approve the recommended motion, staff would proceed with the following.

Conservation Acquisition Board Action Report
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- ASP staff will prepare award letters, Participant Agreements, and Conservation Easements.
- Issues concerning Conservation Easements will need to be resolved.
- The Arizona State Land Department will schedule public auctions.
- Grant awards will be contingent upon the appraisals and parcel sizes being approved by the State Land Commissioner, and the applicants are the highest and best bidders at public auction.
- ASP staff will execute agreements.
- Grantees will submit requests for grant reimbursements following their full payment to the Arizona State Land Department.
- ASP will process grant reimbursement requests.
- ASP will close projects
- Time frame will be contingent upon auction dates, and
- Grantees will submit annual Self-Certifications on annual basis

Staff and Financial Resources:

A total of \$80,920,000 is available for the FY 2011 Growing Smarter grants as summarized below:

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|---|-------------------------------|
| FY 2011 Appropriation | \$ 20,000,000 |
| Prior Years Carry Forward Balance | \$ 62,920,000 |
| FY 2011 Livestock and Crop Conservation Fund | <u>\$ (2,000,000)</u> |
| Total Available Revenue for Grants | \$ 80,920,000 |

Relation to Strategic Plan:

Partnerships: To build lasting public and private partnerships to promote local economies, good neighbors, recreation, conservation, tourism and establish sustainable funding for the agency.

Relevant Past Board Actions:

The Board has approved a total of \$185,714,067 in Growing Smarter Grant Funds between Fiscal Years 2001 thru 2010. A summary list of the history of Growing Smarter Grant awards is attached.

Attachments:

- 1) Summary list of applications indicating the rating scores and funding requests, along with the funding recommendation for each project.
- 2) Summary list of history of Growing Smarter grant awards.

| CAB Members | Aye | Nay | Absent | Abstain | Comments |
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Amend as follows:

CAB Questions/Comments

**Growing Smarter State Trust Land Acquisition Grant Program
FY 2011 Grant Recommendations**

Option 1:

Amount Available

| Applicant | Parcel | Acres | County | Total Grant Request | Total Project Cost Requested | Final Appraisal Amount | 50% Eligible Amount | Up to 10% Eligible Associated Costs | Total Amount Recommended | \$40,460,000 | Rating Score |
|--------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------|----------|---------------------|------------------------------|------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| City of Scottsdale | McDowell Sonoran Preserve - Parcel 2 | 1937.19 | Maricopa | \$25,000,000 | \$50,000,000 | \$41,000,000 | \$20,500,000 | \$2,050,000 | \$22,550,000 | \$17,910,000 | 46 |
| City of Scottsdale | McDowell Sonoran Preserve - Parcel 3 | 2482.2 | Maricopa | \$25,000,000 | \$50,000,000 | \$45,000,000 | \$22,500,000 | \$2,250,000 | \$17,910,000 | \$0 | 46 |
| City of Phoenix | Sonoran Preserve Priority 3-B | 317.911 | Maricopa | \$3,179,110 | \$6,358,220 | \$5,800,000 | \$2,900,000 | \$290,000 | \$0 | \$0 | 40 |
| City of Phoenix | Sonoran Preserve Priority 3-C | 271.053 | Maricopa | \$2,710,530 | \$5,421,060 | \$4,100,000 | \$2,050,000 | \$205,000 | \$0 | \$0 | 35 |
| | | 5008.35 | | \$55,889,640 | \$111,779,280 | \$95,900,000 | \$47,950,000 | \$4,795,000 | \$40,460,000 | \$0 | |

Option 2:

| Applicant | Parcel | Acres | County | Total Grant Request | Total Project Cost Requested | Final Appraisal Amount | 50% Eligible Amount | Up to 10% Eligible Associated Costs | Total Amount Recommended | \$40,460,000 | Rating Score |
|--------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------|----------|---------------------|------------------------------|------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| City of Scottsdale | McDowell Sonoran Preserve - Parcel 2 | 1937.19 | Maricopa | \$25,000,000 | \$50,000,000 | \$41,000,000 | \$20,500,000 | \$2,050,000 | \$22,550,000 | \$17,910,000 | 46 |
| City of Scottsdale | McDowell Sonoran Preserve - Parcel 3 | 2482.2 | Maricopa | \$25,000,000 | \$50,000,000 | \$45,000,000 | \$22,500,000 | \$2,250,000 | \$14,720,000 | \$3,190,000 | 46 |
| City of Phoenix | Sonoran Preserve Priority 3-B | 317.911 | Maricopa | \$3,179,110 | \$6,358,220 | \$5,800,000 | \$2,900,000 | \$290,000 | \$3,190,000 | \$0 | 40 |
| City of Phoenix | Sonoran Preserve Priority 3-C | 271.053 | Maricopa | \$2,710,530 | \$5,421,060 | \$4,100,000 | \$2,050,000 | \$205,000 | | \$0 | 35 |
| | | 5008.35 | | \$55,889,640 | \$111,779,280 | \$95,900,000 | \$47,950,000 | \$4,795,000 | \$40,460,000 | \$0 | |

Option 3:

Ratio: 84.3796%

| Applicant | Parcel | Acres | County | Total Grant Request | Total Project Cost Requested | Final Appraisal Amount | 50% Eligible Amount | Up to 10% Eligible Associated Costs | Total Amount Recommended | \$40,460,000 | Rating Score |
|--------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------|----------|---------------------|------------------------------|------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| City of Scottsdale | McDowell Sonoran Preserve - Parcel 2 | 1937.19 | Maricopa | \$25,000,000 | \$50,000,000 | \$41,000,000 | \$20,500,000 | \$2,050,000 | \$17,297,810 | \$23,162,190 | 46 |
| City of Scottsdale | McDowell Sonoran Preserve - Parcel 3 | 2482.2 | Maricopa | \$25,000,000 | \$50,000,000 | \$45,000,000 | \$22,500,000 | \$2,250,000 | \$18,985,410 | \$4,176,780 | 46 |
| City of Phoenix | Sonoran Preserve Priority 3-B | 317.911 | Maricopa | \$3,179,110 | \$6,358,220 | \$5,800,000 | \$2,900,000 | \$290,000 | \$2,447,000 | \$1,729,780 | 40 |
| City of Phoenix | Sonoran Preserve Priority 3-C | 271.053 | Maricopa | \$2,710,530 | \$5,421,060 | \$4,100,000 | \$2,050,000 | \$205,000 | \$1,729,780 | \$0 | 35 |
| | | 5008.35 | | \$55,889,640 | \$111,779,280 | \$95,900,000 | \$47,950,000 | \$4,795,000 | \$40,460,000 | \$0 | |

**GROWING SMARTER STATE TRUST LAND ACQUISITION GRANT PROGRAM
HISTORY OF GRANT AWARDS**

| Funding Year | Participant | Parcel | Acres | County | Estimated Total Project Cost | Grant Award | Actual Grant Amount Expended | Auction Date | Comments |
|----------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------|------------|----------|------------------------------|--------------------|------------------------------|--------------|---|
| FY 2001 | Phoenix | Sonoran Preserve, Phase I | 640 | Maricopa | \$10,208,000 | \$5,104,000 | \$4,779,069 | 10/31/00 | |
| | Desert Foothills Land Trust | Jewel of the Creek | 26 | Maricopa | \$906,752 | \$453,376 | \$446,565 | 10/31/00 | The grant award amount was amended. The original approved award was \$453,376. |
| | Desert Foothills Land Trust | Go John Canyon, Phase I | 65 | Maricopa | \$1,501,500 | \$750,750 | \$719,629 | 2/1/01 | |
| | Pima County | Tumamoc Hill | | Pima | | Withdrawn | \$0 | N/A | This grant award expired before the public auction could take place. This grant was transferred to the Board of Regents but then withdrawn. This award was originally in the amount of \$1,400,000 for 320 acres. |
| TOTAL | | | 731 | | \$12,616,252 | \$6,308,126 | \$5,945,263 | | |

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|--------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|------------|----------|--------------|--------------------|-------------|----------|---|
| FY 2002 1st Cycle | Fountain Hills | McDowell Mountain | | | | | | | This application was withdrawn before grant awards were made. |
| | Desert Foothills Land Trust | Go John Canyon, Phase II | 116 | Maricopa | \$2,555,520 | \$1,277,760 | \$1,204,456 | 12/18/01 | |
| | Phoenix | Sonoran Preserve, Phase II | 765 | Maricopa | \$13,464,500 | \$6,734,750 | \$6,262,088 | 12/21/01 | |
| TOTAL | | | 881 | | | \$8,012,510 | | | |

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| *FY 2002 2nd Cycle | Desert Foothills Land Trust | Go John Canyon, Phase III | 60 | Maricopa | \$1,655,730 | \$827,865 | \$822,737 | 2/20/03 | |
| | Phoenix | Sonoran Preserve, Phase III | 629 | Maricopa | \$11,693,510 | \$5,846,755 | \$5,846,755 | 1/29/03 | |
| | TOTAL | | 689 | | \$29,369,260 | \$6,674,620 | \$14,136,036 | | |

sing monies available through Fiscal Year 2002.

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|----------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|-----------|----------|------------------|---------------------|------------------|---------|---|
| FY 2003 | Desert Foothills Land Trust | Go John Canyon, Phase IV | 30 | Maricopa | \$483,650 | \$491,825 | \$491,825 | 9/24/03 | |
| | Phoenix | Sonoran Preserve, Phase IV | | Maricopa | Withdrawn | \$18,683,131 | \$0 | | Project withdrawn -never went to auction. Application was for 848 acres |
| | TOTAL | | 30 | | \$483,650 | \$19,174,956 | \$491,825 | | |

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| FY 2004 | Pima County | Valencia Archaeological Site | | Pima | Withdrawn | \$900,000 | \$0 | | This grant was approved by the Board in September of 2004 in the amount of \$900,000 for 67 acres. However, due to legal challenges, the auction did not take place. |
| TOTAL | | | 0 | | \$0 | \$900,000 | \$0 | | |

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| FY 2007 | Phoenix | Sonoran Preserve, Phase I, Priority 1 | 861.97 | Maricopa | \$77,003,063 | \$38,900,000 | \$38,501,531 | 11/8/07 | |
| | Phoenix | Sonoran Preserve, Phase I, Priority 2 | 645.425 | Maricopa | \$12,302,208 | \$8,700,000 | \$6,151,104 | 6/30/08 | |
| TOTAL | | | 1507.395 | | \$89,305,271 | \$47,600,000 | \$44,652,635 | | |

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| FY 2008 | Phoenix | Sonoran Preserve, Priority 2B | 715.419 | Maricopa | \$45,148,074 | \$32,193,855 | \$22,574,037 | | |
| | Pima County | Tumamoc Hill | 320 | Pima | | \$3,500,000 | | | |
| TOTAL | | | 1035.419 | | \$45,148,074 | \$35,693,855 | \$22,574,037 | | |

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| FY 2009 | Phoenix | Sonoran Preserve, Priority 2C | 294.57 | Maricopa | \$10,516,000 | \$5,258,000 | \$4,927,621 | | |
| | Scottsdale | McDowell Sonoran Preserve | 398.91 | Maricopa | \$7,150,000 | \$3,575,000 | \$3,351,928 | | |
| | Pima County | Valencia Archaeological Site | 67.17 | Pima | \$1,034,000 | \$517,000 | \$499,302 | | |
| TOTAL | | | 760.65 | | \$18,700,000 | \$9,350,000 | \$8,778,852 | | |

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| FY 2010 | Phoenix | Sonoran Preserve, Priority 2C | 1139 | Maricopa | \$40,000,000 | \$20,000,000 | \$13,295,820 | 10/15/10 | |
| | Scottsdale | McDowell Sonoran Preserve | 2000 | Maricopa | \$50,000,000 | \$25,000,000 | \$22,526,875 | 10/15/10 | |
| | Coconino County | Rogers Lake | 2249.04 | Coconino | \$12,318,303 | \$7,000,000 | \$840,079 | 11/1/10 | |
| TOTAL | | | 5388.04 | | \$102,318,303 | \$52,000,000 | \$36,662,773 | | |

TOTALS FOR ALL YEARS

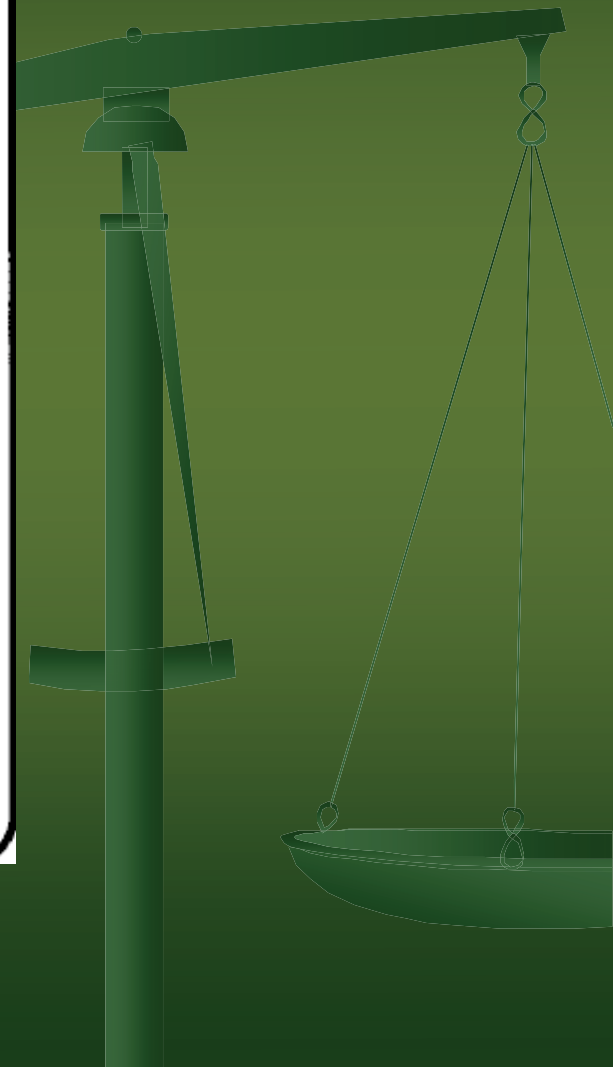
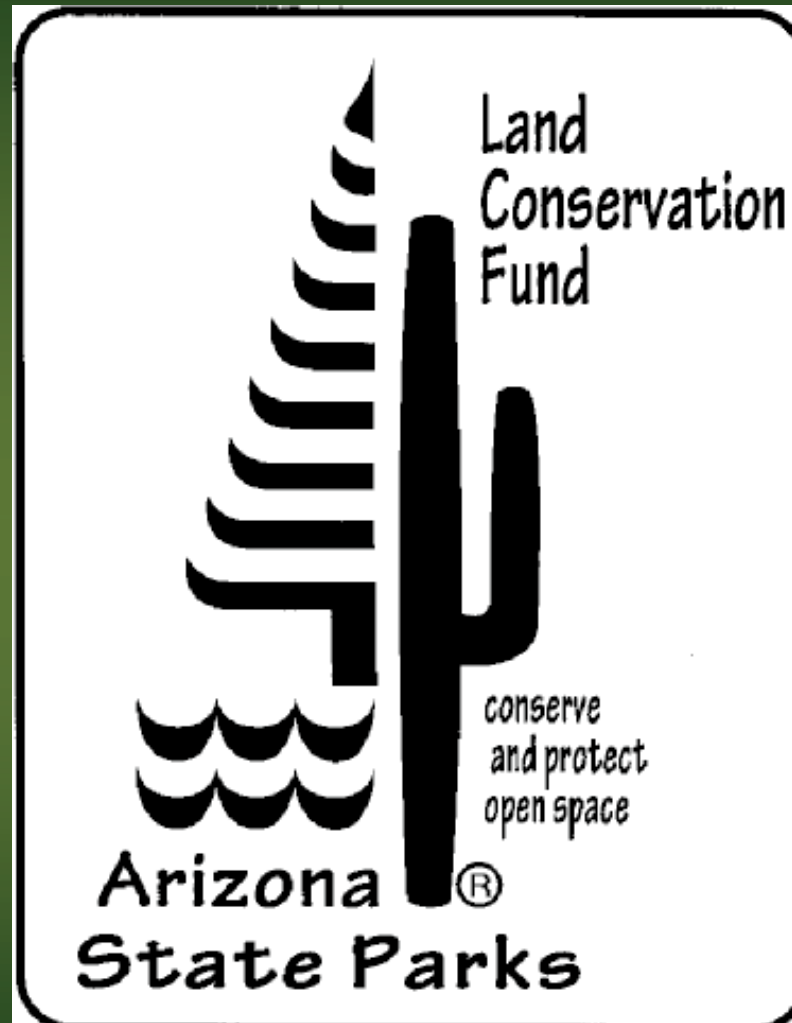
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Arizona State Parks



**GROWING SMARTER
STATE TRUST LAND
ACQUISITION GRANT PROGRAM
FY 2011**



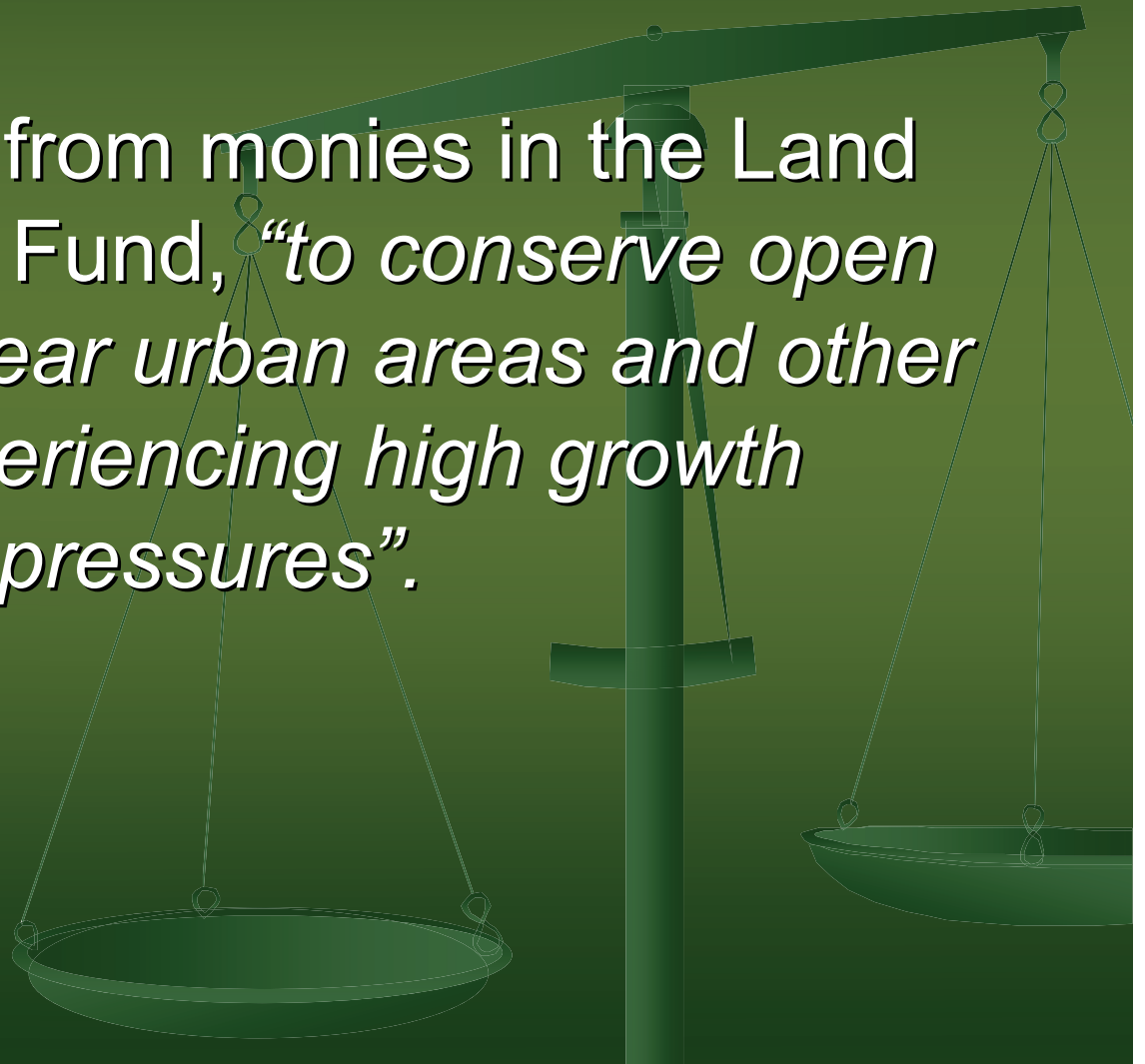
Application Deadline



June 30, 2011

PURPOSE

To fund grants from monies in the Land Conservation Fund, *“to conserve open spaces in or near urban areas and other areas experiencing high growth pressures”*.

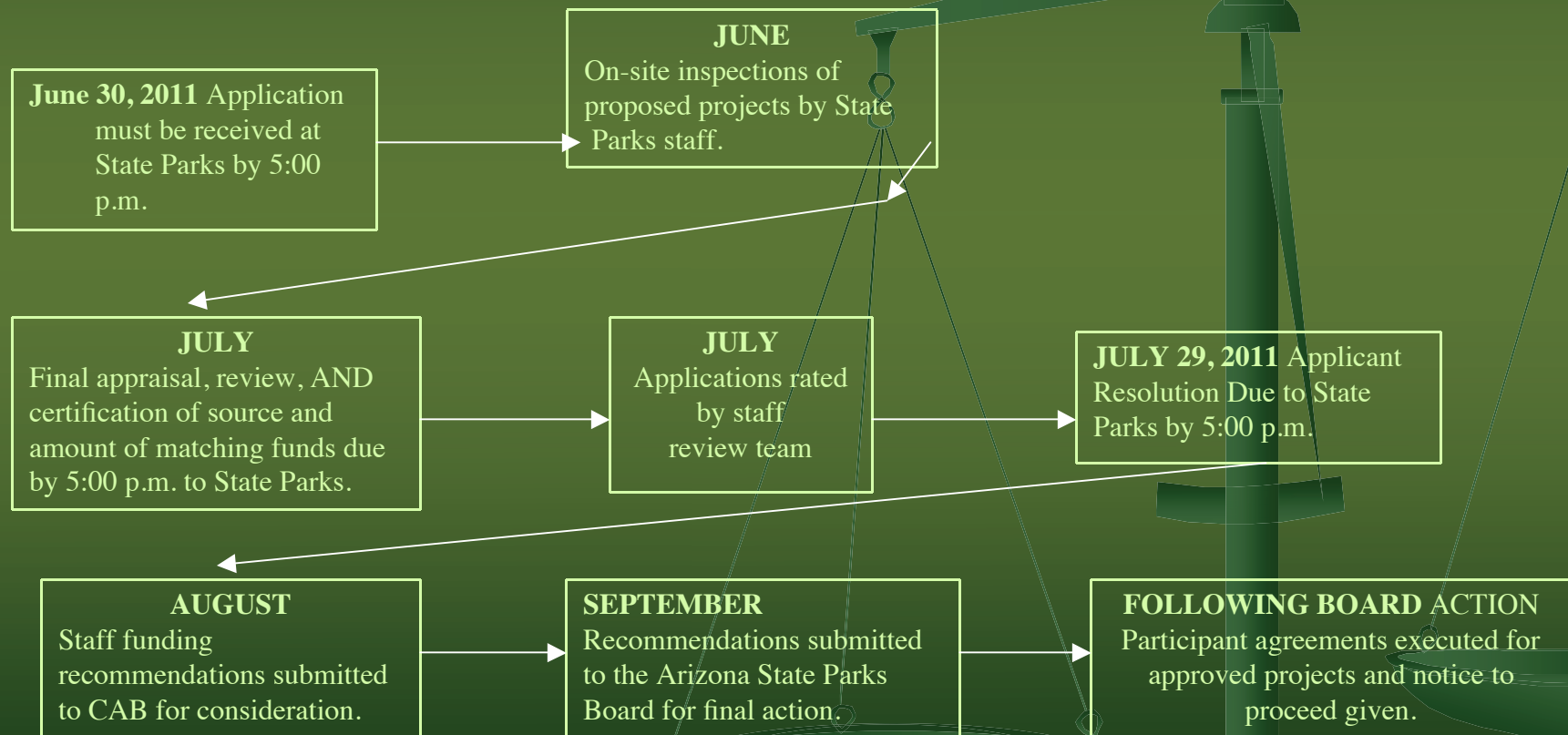


This is accomplished by awarding grants for purchase or lease of State Trust land that has been classified as suitable for conservation purposes by Arizona State Land Department (ASLD)



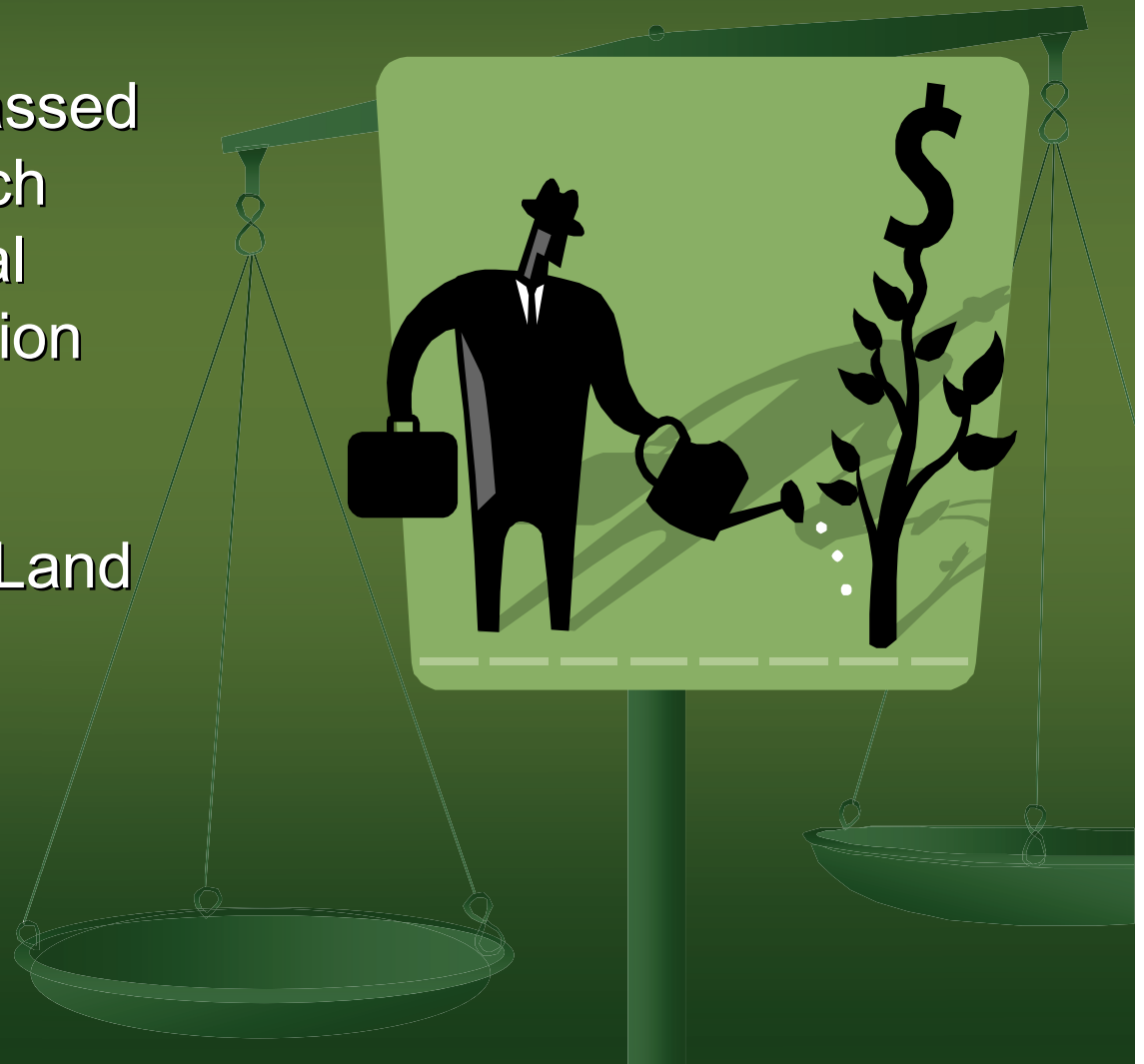
Grant Cycle

Expected Growing Smarter State Trust Land Acquisition Grant Cycle:



Where does the \$ come from?

In 1998 the voters passed Proposition 303, which established an annual \$20million appropriation by the Arizona State Legislature from the General Fund to the Land Conservation Fund.



\$ Annual Apportionment \$

- Began –

- FY 2001

- Continues thru -

- FY 2011

The Board has approved a total of \$185,714,067 in Growing Smarter Grant Funds between Fiscal Years 2001 thru 2010.



\$ \$ \$

\$2 million of that annual apportionment is transferred to the Livestock and Crop Conservation Fund administered by the Arizona Department of Agriculture.



\$18 Million

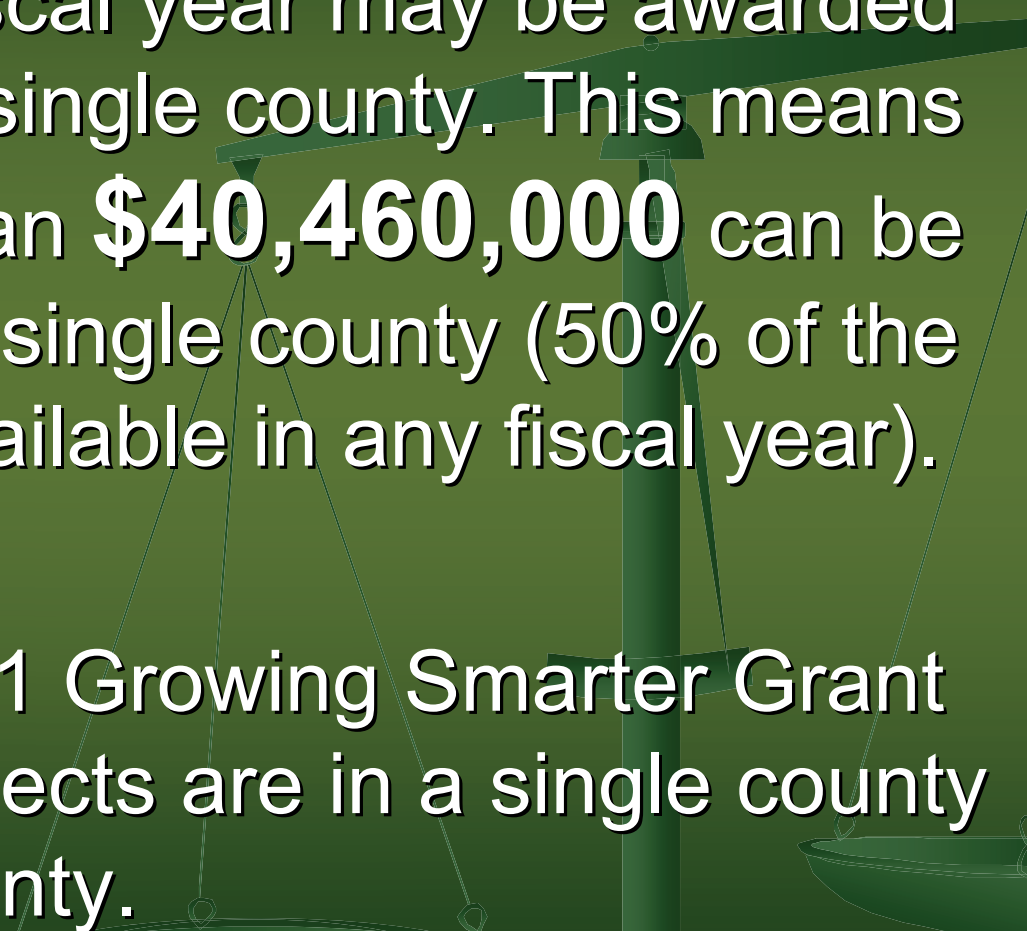
Annually available for the
Growing Smarter State Trust Land
Acquisition Grant Program.



\$80.9 Million

Total Currently Available for Growing Smarter State Trust Land Acquisition Grants



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- A.R.S. §41-511.23.H.2 states that no more than 50% of the Land Conservation Fund from any one fiscal year may be awarded to projects in a single county. This means that no more than **\$40,460,000** can be awarded in any single county (50% of the *total* amount available in any fiscal year).
 - For the FY 2011 Growing Smarter Grant Program all projects are in a single county – Maricopa County.

Eligible Applicants

- State Agencies
- Political Subdivisions of the State
 - Including:
 - Counties
 - Incorporated Cities or Towns
 - School Districts
 - Special Districts
- Eligible non-profit organizations (have Section 501c status, and their purpose is to preserve open space).



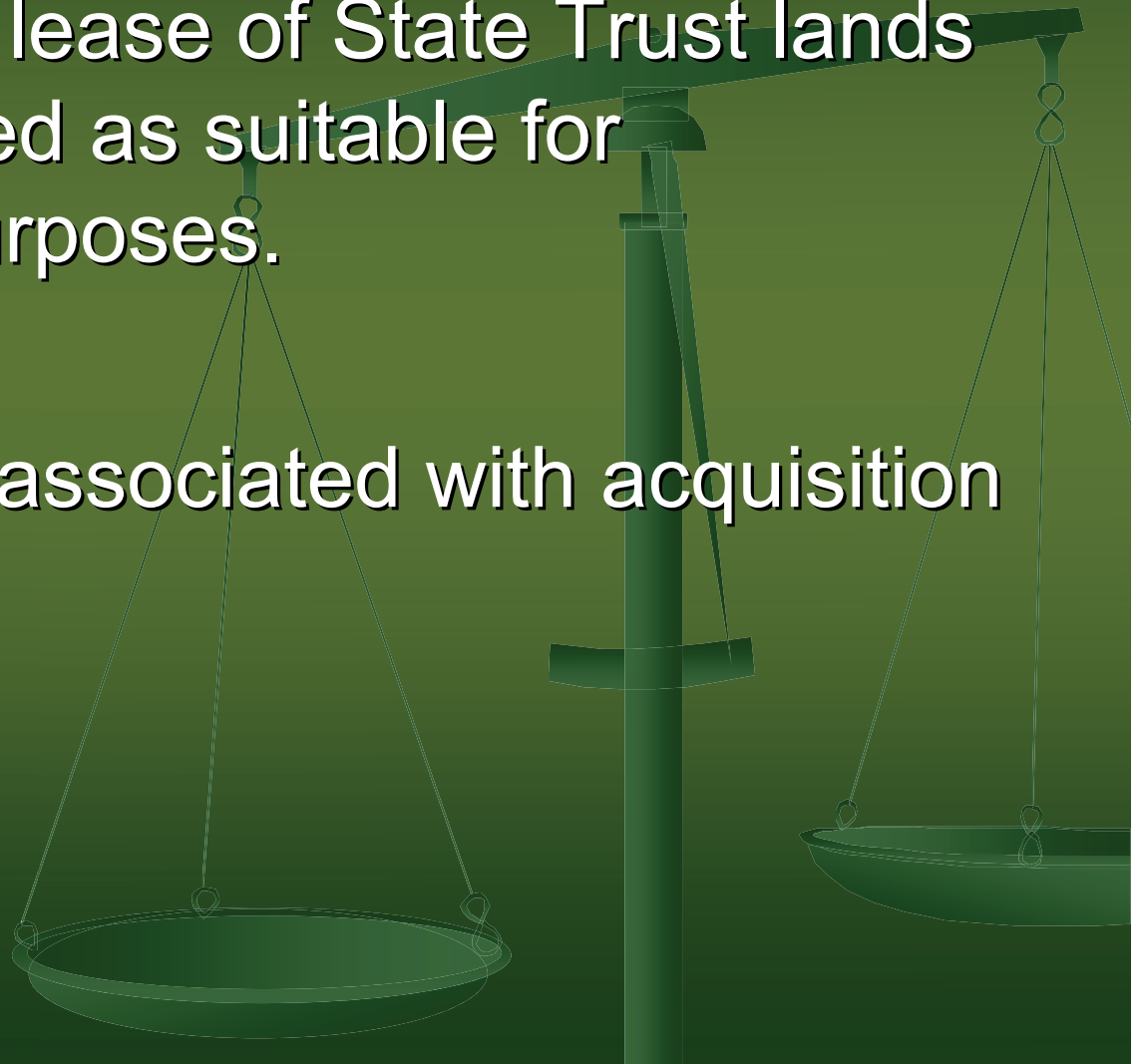
How Many Projects?

- An entity may submit more than one application, but applications must be for completely different projects.
- Parcels sold at separate auctions constitute different projects.



What is Eligible?

- 1) Purchase or lease of State Trust lands that are classified as suitable for conservation purposes.
- 2) Some costs associated with acquisition may be eligible.



Other Scope Items

As part of the grant award, matching funds for costs associated with acquisition may be eligible, but may not exceed 10% of the grant award.



Associated Costs may include:

- Cultural resources survey
- Land appraisal commissioned by the applicant....but only if commissioned before the application to purchase is submitted to the Land Department.
- Land surveys
- ASLD administrative fees or brokerage-associated commission.
- ASLD advertising costs, application fees, auction costs, escrow fees and recording fees

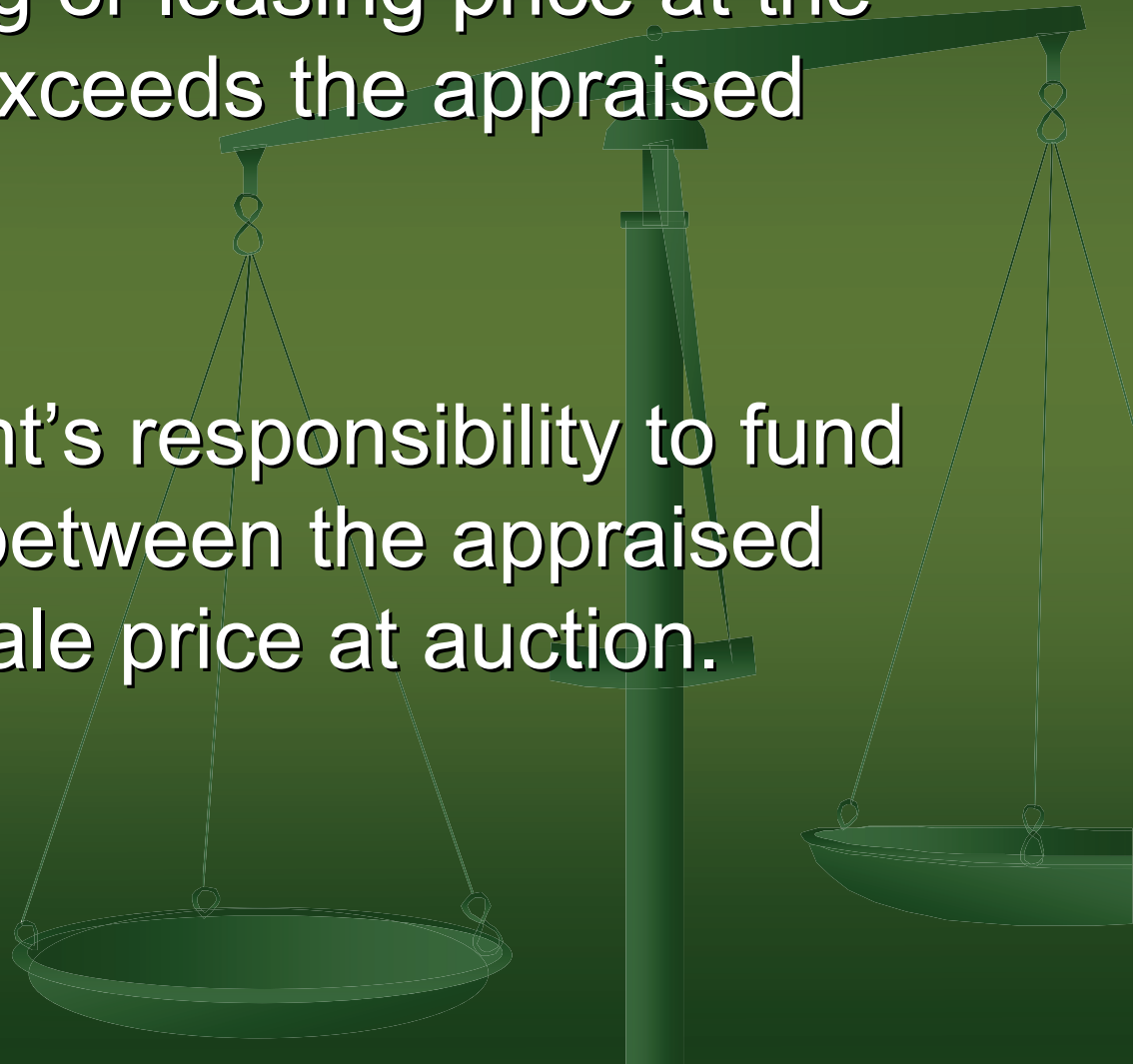


The grant monies can provide up
to

50% of the appraised value
of any purchase or lease of
reclassified State Trust Land.

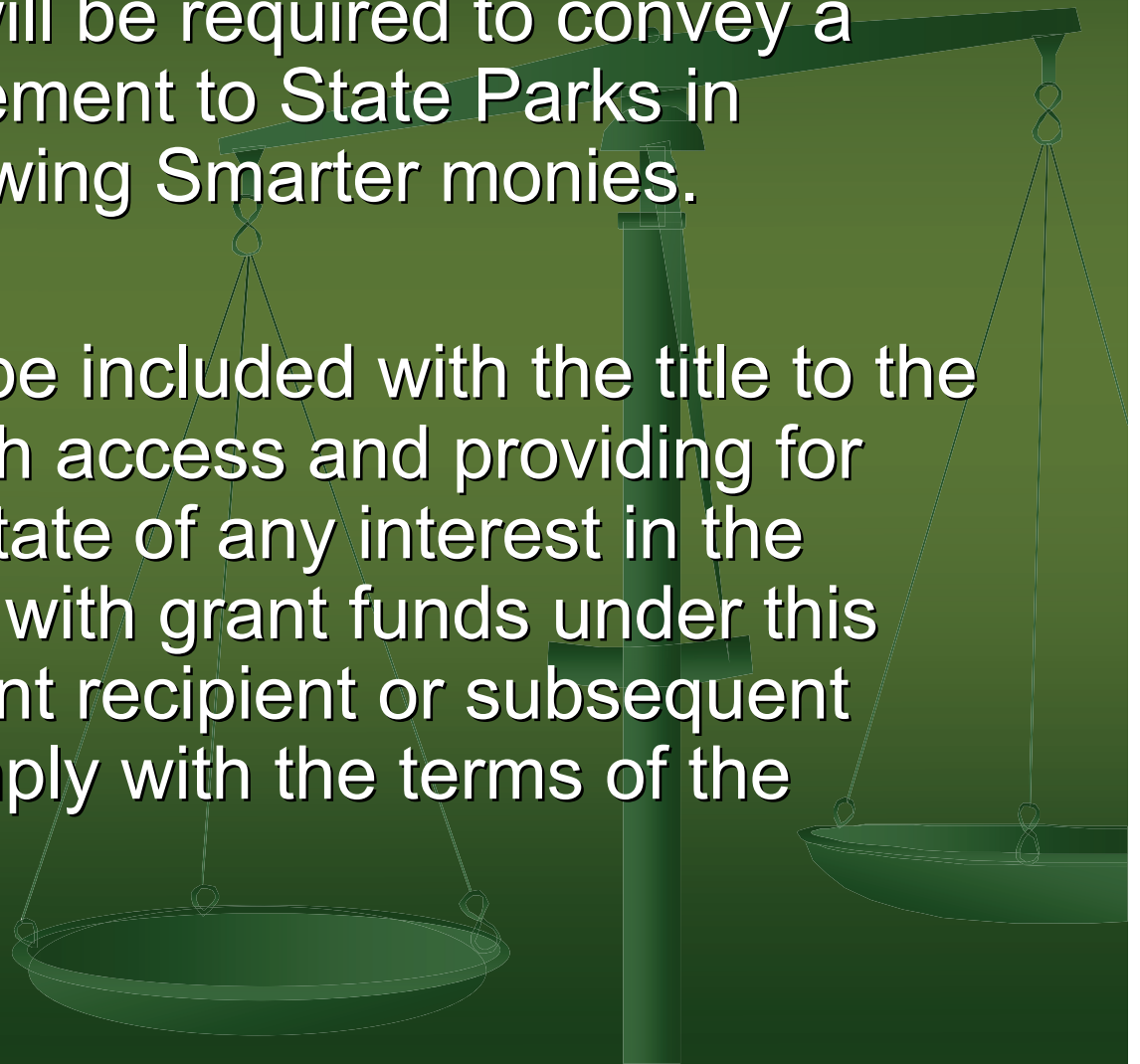


- The approved grant award will not change if the final selling or leasing price at the public auction exceeds the appraised value.
- It is the applicant's responsibility to fund any difference between the appraised value and the sale price at auction.



Conservation Protection

- Grant recipients will be required to convey a conservation easement to State Parks in exchange for Growing Smarter monies.
- This contract will be included with the title to the land, granting such access and providing for reversion to this state of any interest in the property acquired with grant funds under this program if the grant recipient or subsequent owners fail to comply with the terms of the easement.

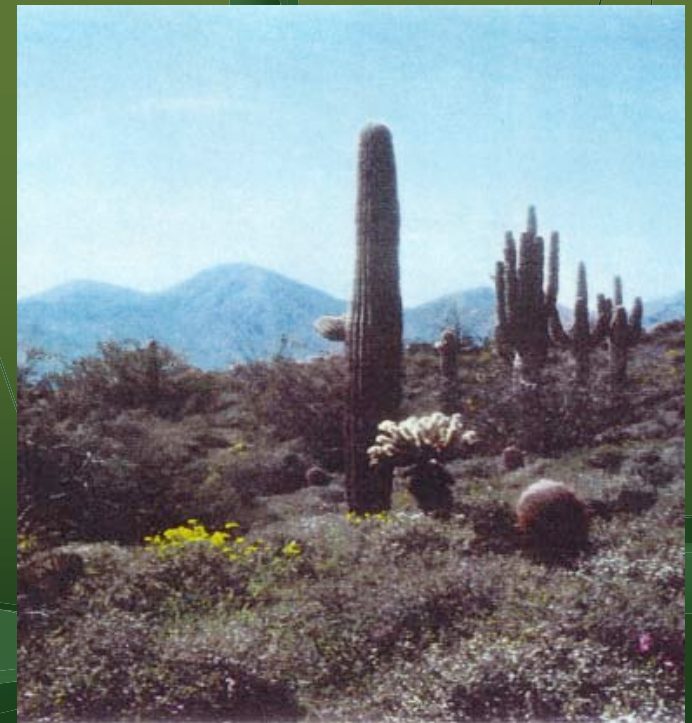


Purpose of Conservation Easement

The goal of any such easement is to ensure the conservation of the land as open space in perpetuity.

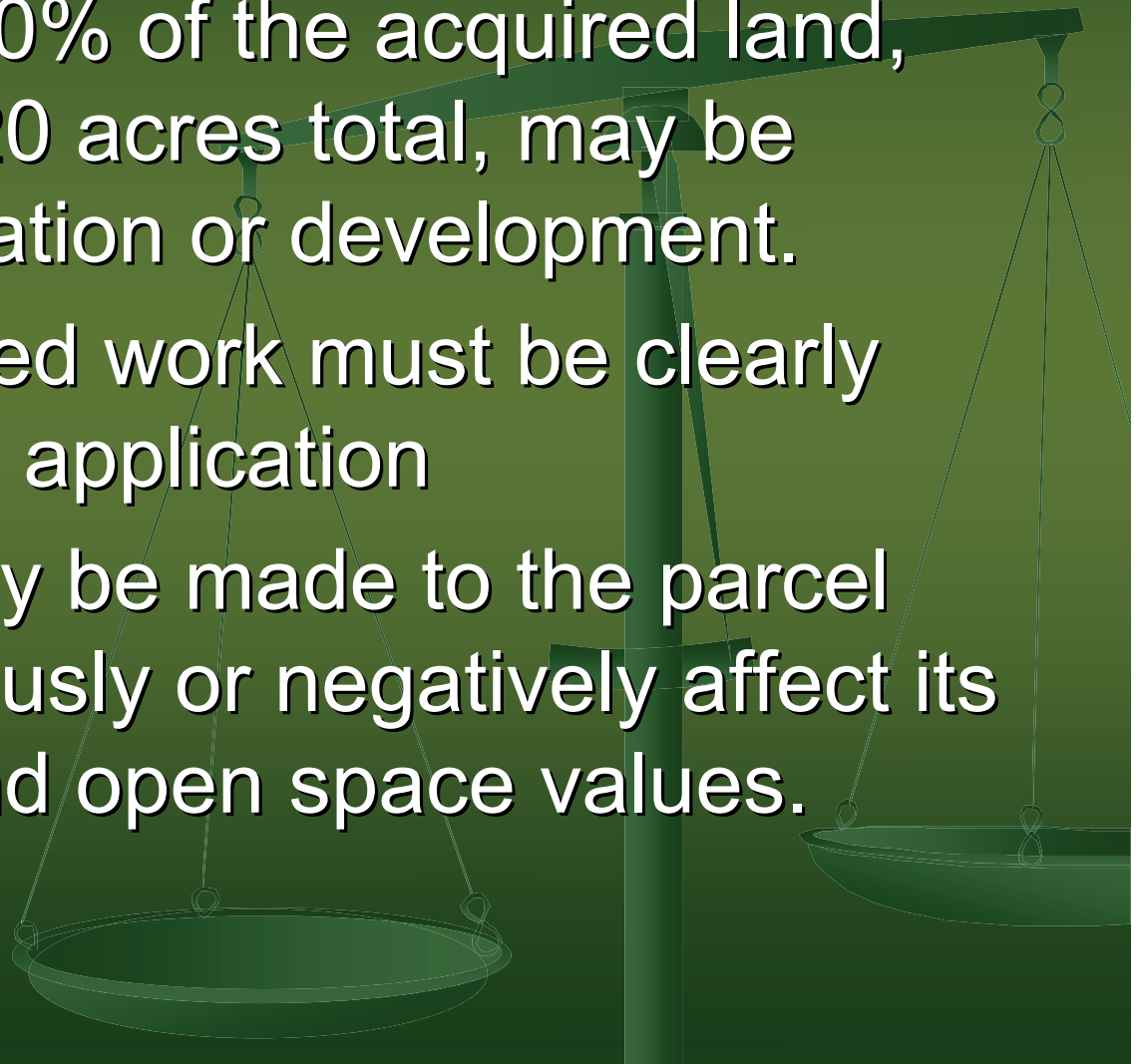


- Scenic beauty
- Protected plants
- Wildlife
- Archaeology
- Passive recreation values
- And the absence of extensive development



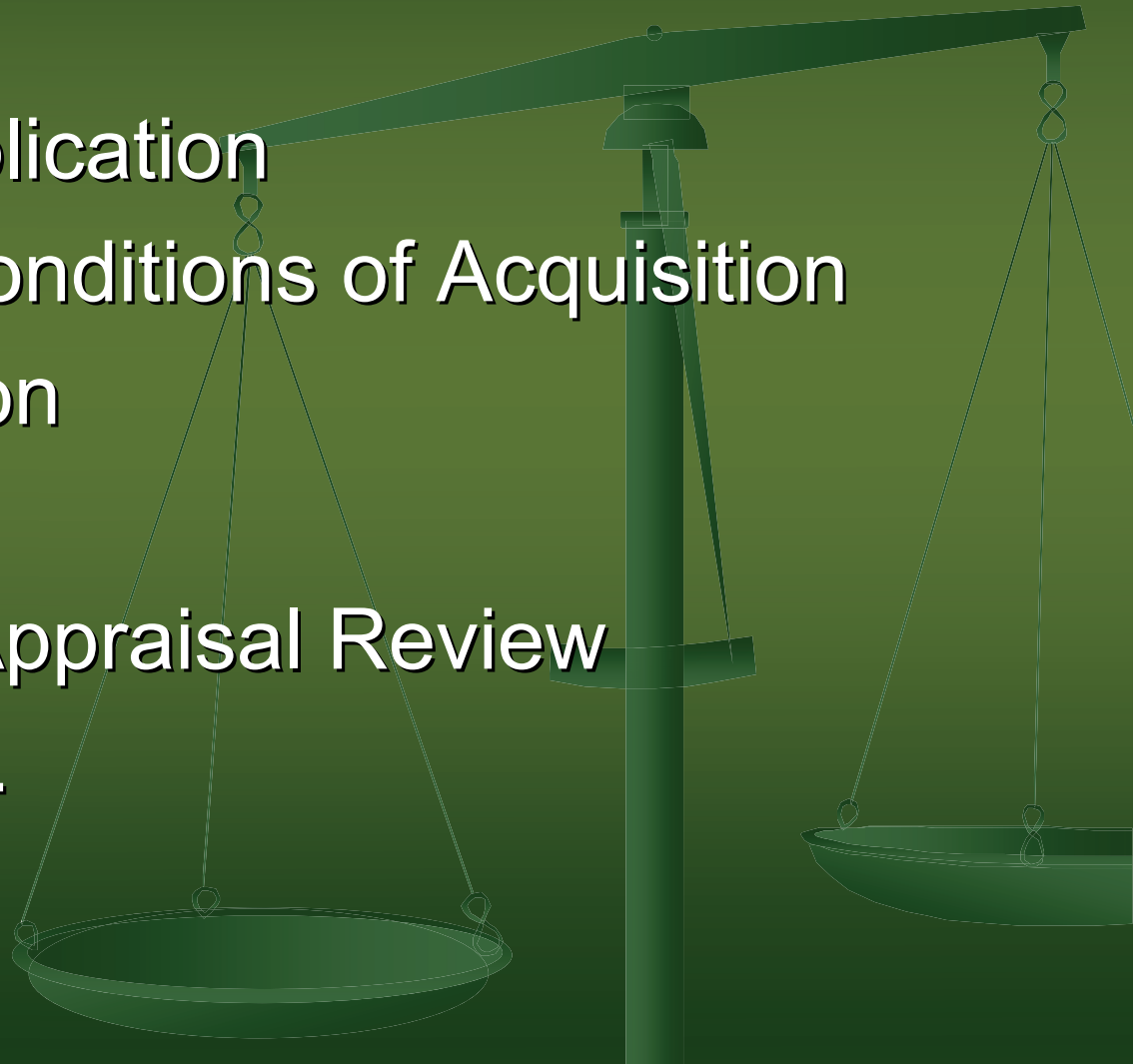
Restriction on Development

- No more than 10% of the acquired land, up to a limit of 20 acres total, may be eligible for alteration or development.
- All such proposed work must be clearly explained in the application
- No changes may be made to the parcel that would seriously or negatively affect its conservation and open space values.



Application Requirements

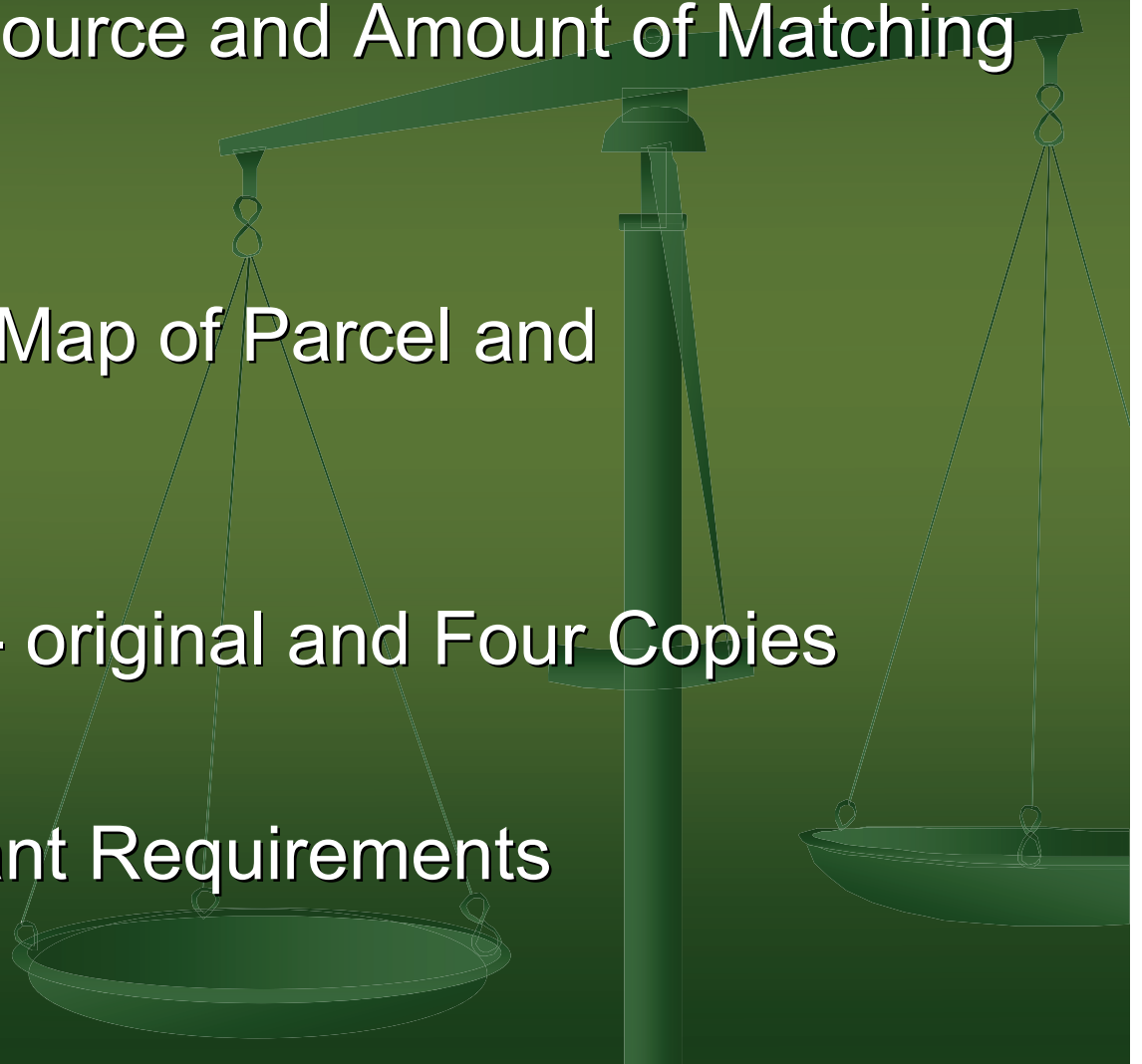
- Reclassification
- Sale/Lease Application
- Agreed upon Conditions of Acquisition
- Legal Description
- Land Survey
- Appraisal and Appraisal Review
- Title Inquiry.....



- Proposed Uses
- Coordination Plan
- Applicant Certification Form
- Information Sheet for SHPO Review
- Arizona Historic Property Inventory Form
- SHPO Review
- ASLD Cultural Resources Survey Letter
- Phase I Environmental Site Assessment

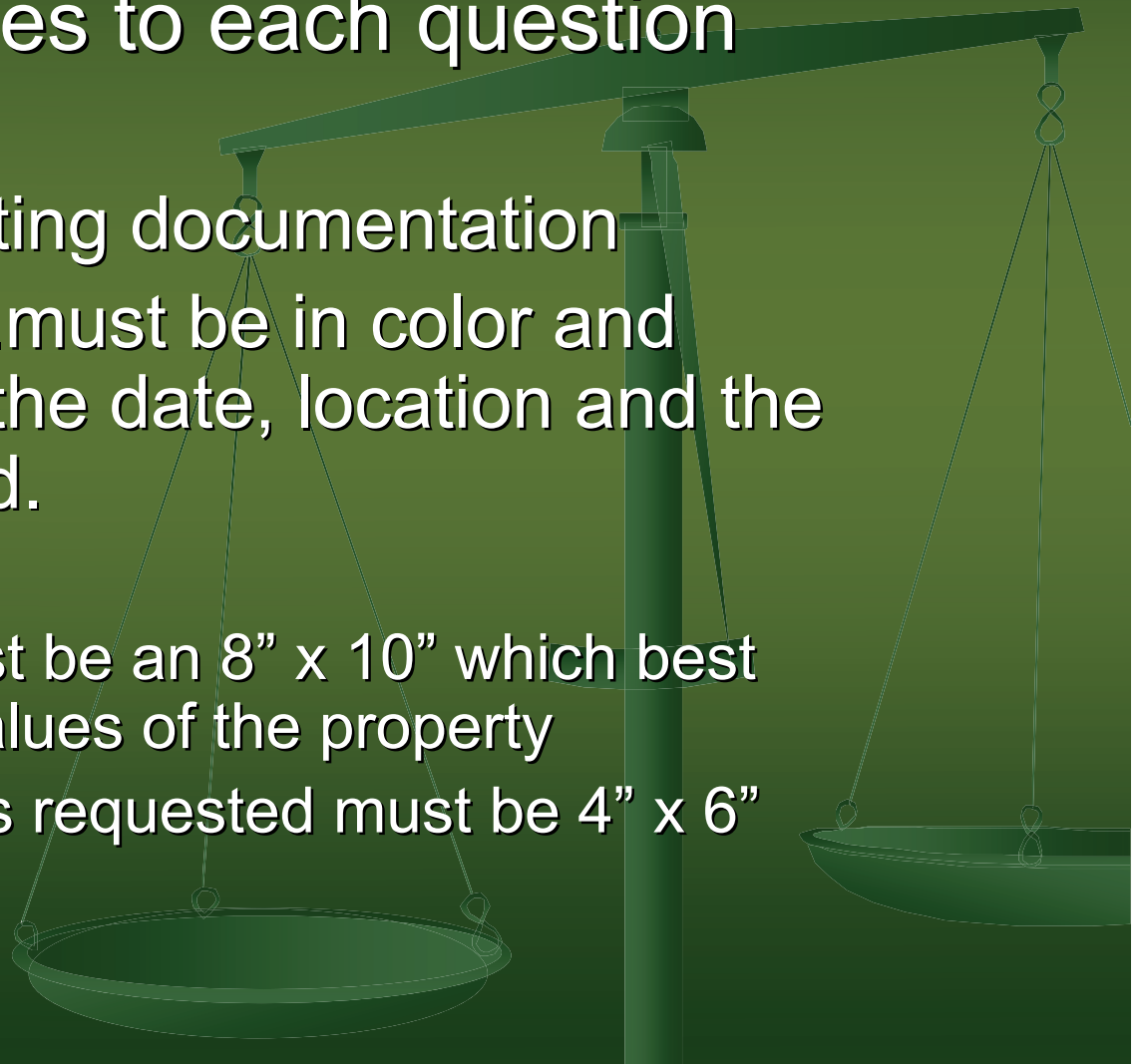


- Applicant Resolution
- Letter Certifying Source and Amount of Matching Funds
- ASLD - Prepared Map of Parcel and Surrounding Area
- Project Narrative - original and Four Copies
- Non-Profit Applicant Requirements



Rating Criteria

- Written responses to each question
 - Provide supporting documentation
 - Photographs....must be in color and captioned with the date, location and the direction viewed.
 - One photo must be an 8" x 10" which best captures the values of the property
 - All other photos requested must be 4" x 6"



Rating Criteria Sections

- I. Ecological Values
- II. Conservation Values
- III. Planning and Public Support
- IV. Acquisition Type



Ecological Values 17 Points

A. Riparian area

8 pts

B. Wildlife

1. Threatened & Endangered

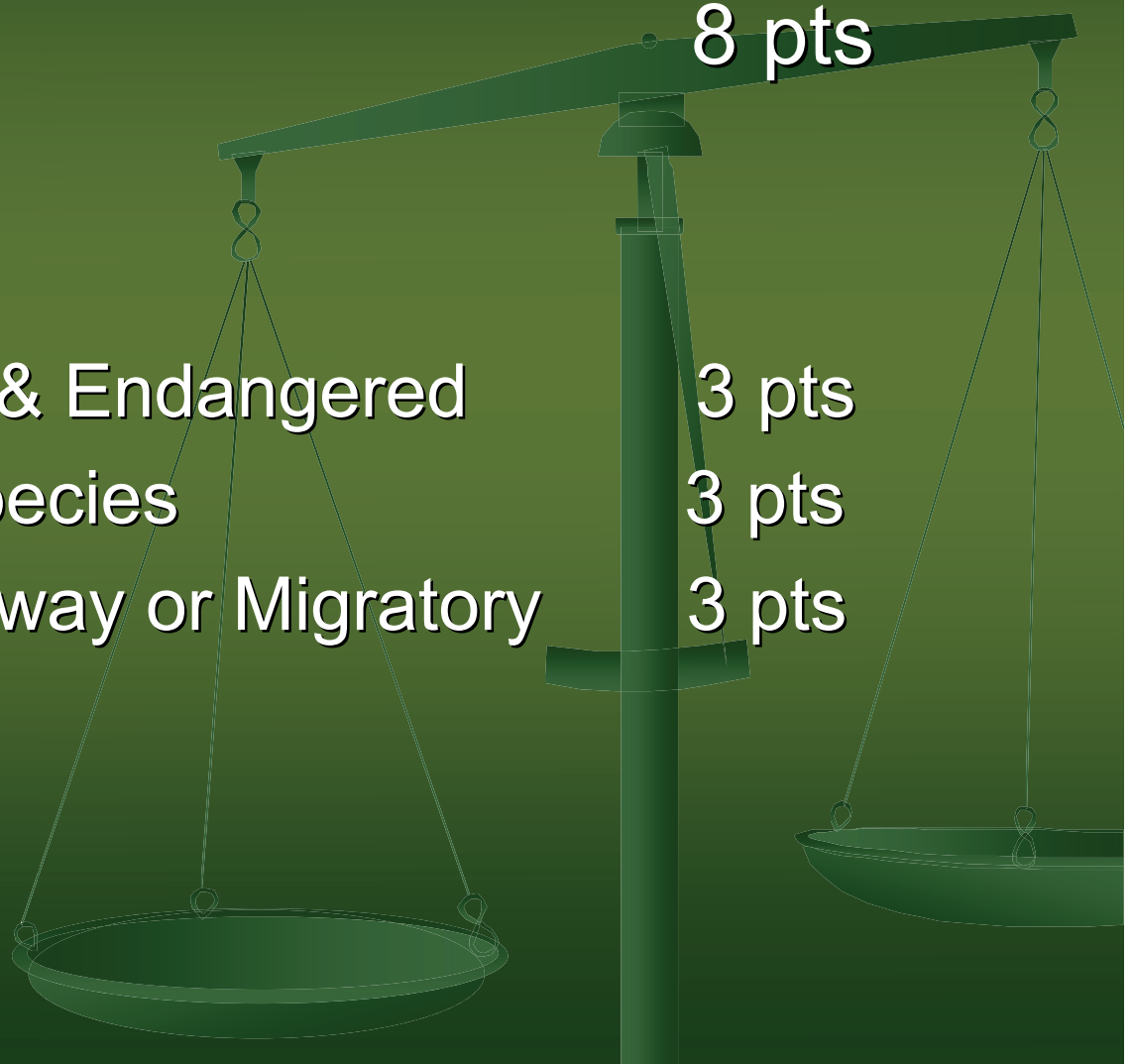
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2. Sensitive Species

3 pts

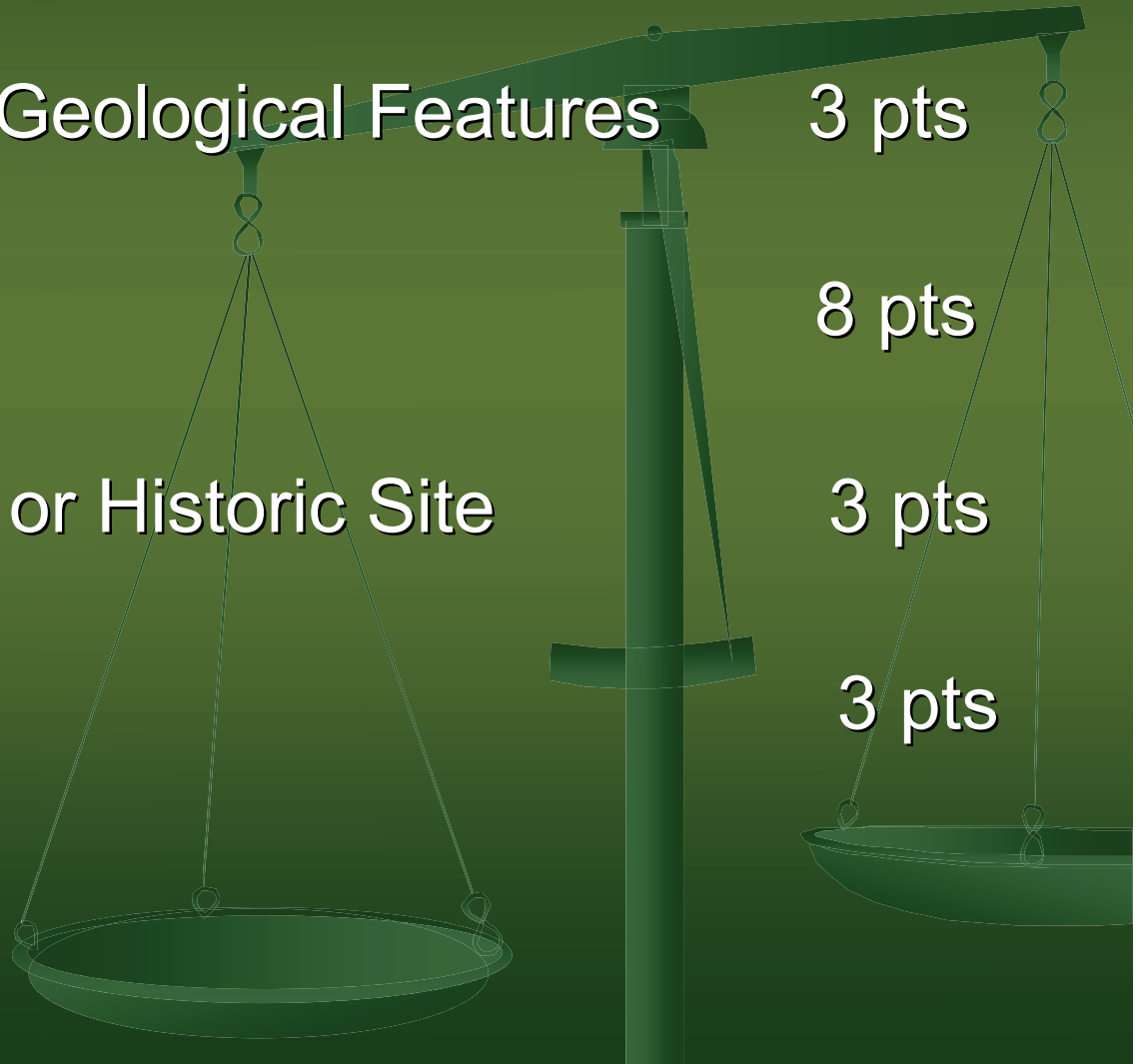
3. Critical Pathway or Migratory

3 pts



Conservation Values 17 Points

- A. Scenic and/or Geological Features 3 pts
- B. Parcel Size 8 pts
- C. Archaeological or Historic Site 3 pts
- D. Urgency 3 pts



Planning and Public Support

14 Points

A. Planning

- 1. Local and Regional Plans 3 pts
- 2. Benefit to Local Community 3 pts

B. Public and Community Support

- 1. Community Support 5 pts
- 2. Partnerships 3 pts

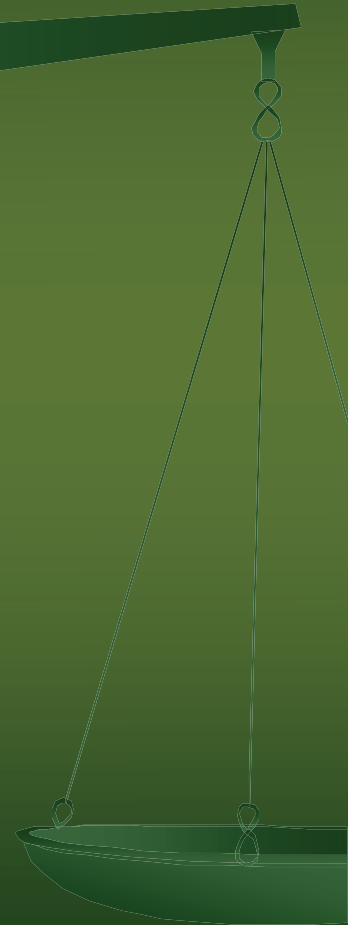


Acquisition Type 2 Points



TOTAL POSSIBLE POINTS

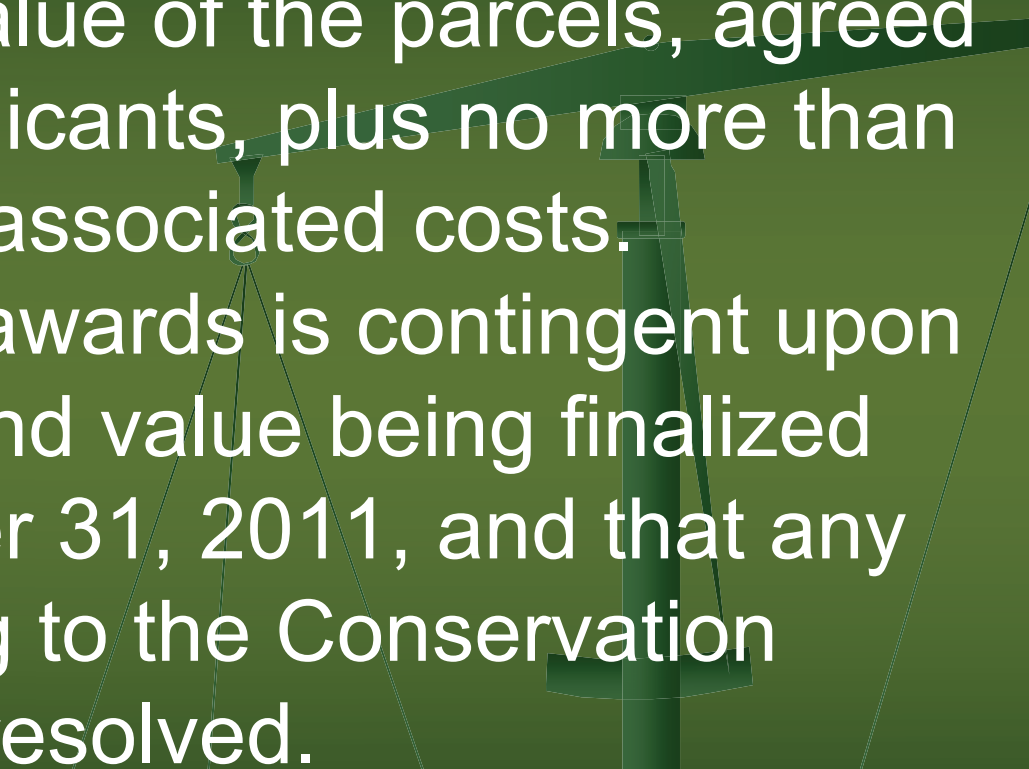
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Applications Received

| Applicant | Parcel | Acres | County | Total Grant Request | Total Project Cost Requested | Final Appraisal Amount | 50% Eligible Amount | Up to 10% Eligible Associated Costs |
|--------------------|--------------------------------------|---------|----------|---------------------|------------------------------|------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------------------|
| City of Phoenix | Sonoran Preserve Priority 3-B | 317.911 | Maricopa | \$3,179,110 | \$6,358,220 | \$5,800,000 | \$2,900,000 | \$290,000 |
| City of Phoenix | Sonoran Preserve Priority 3-C | 271.053 | Maricopa | \$2,710,530 | \$5,421,060 | \$4,100,000 | \$2,050,000 | \$205,000 |
| City of Scottsdale | McDowell Sonoran Preserve - Parcel 2 | 1937.19 | Maricopa | \$25,000,000 | \$50,000,000 | \$41,000,000 | \$20,500,000 | \$2,050,000 |
| City of Scottsdale | McDowell Sonoran Preserve - Parcel 3 | 2482.2 | Maricopa | \$25,000,000 | \$50,000,000 | \$45,000,000 | \$22,500,000 | \$2,250,000 |
| | | | | | | | | |

The final grant amounts will be based on the Arizona State Land Department (ASLD) final appraisal value of the parcels, agreed upon by the applicants, plus no more than 10% for eligible associated costs. Approval of the awards is contingent upon the appraised land value being finalized before December 31, 2011, and that any issues pertaining to the Conservation Easements are resolved.



City of Phoenix

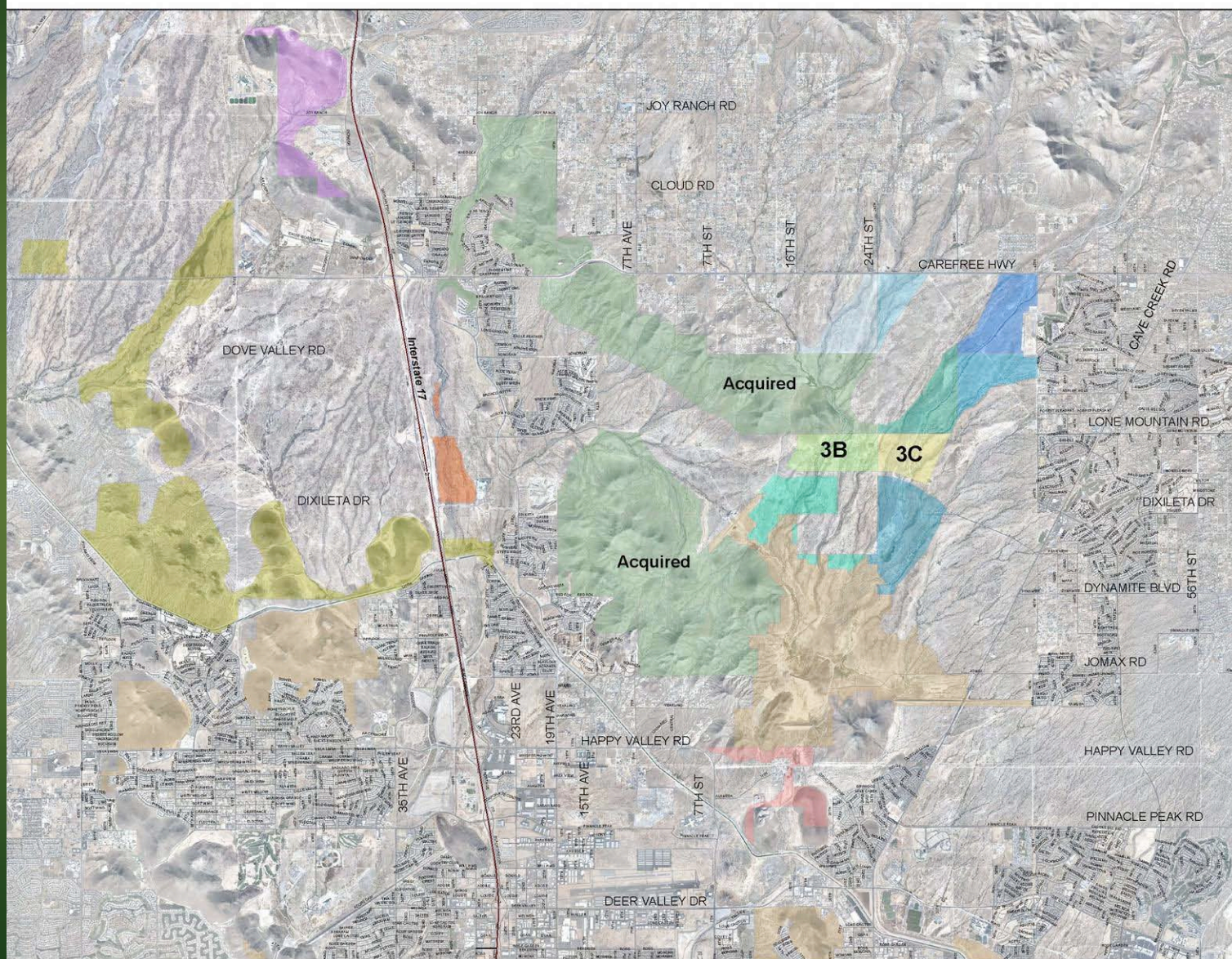
Phoenix Sonoran Preserve

Priority 3-B 317.911 Acres

This property is planned to be part of the Phoenix Sonoran Preserve and is the next planned acquisition known as Priority 3B by the City of Phoenix and ASLD. The land consists primarily of Cave Creek, other riparian areas and desert south of Carefree Highway. These lands are adjacent to lands previously purchased/conserved as the Phoenix Sonoran Preserve with Growing Smarter State Trust Land Acquisition Program funding



Sonoran Preserve Acquisition Plan



PHOENIX SONORAN PRESERVE

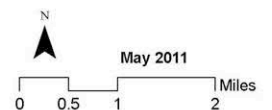
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Desert Parks

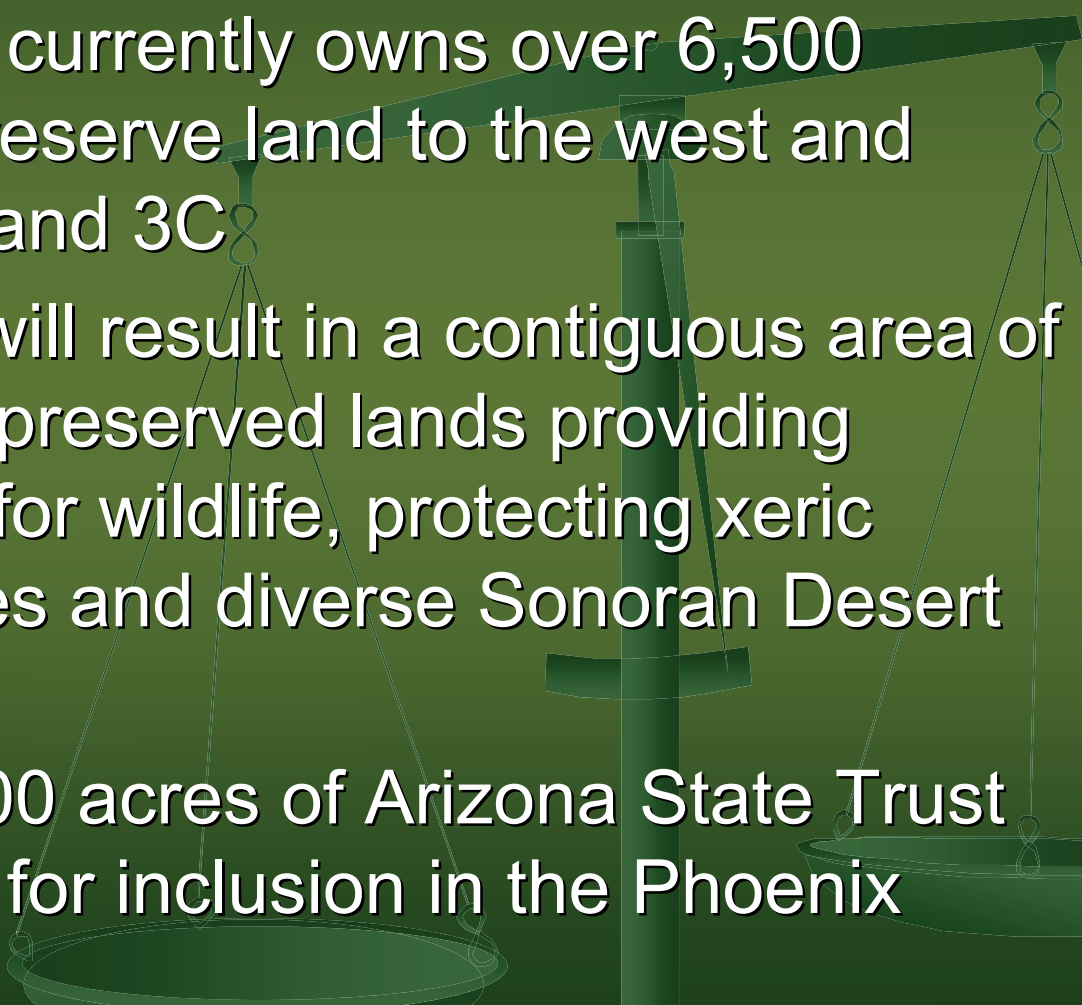
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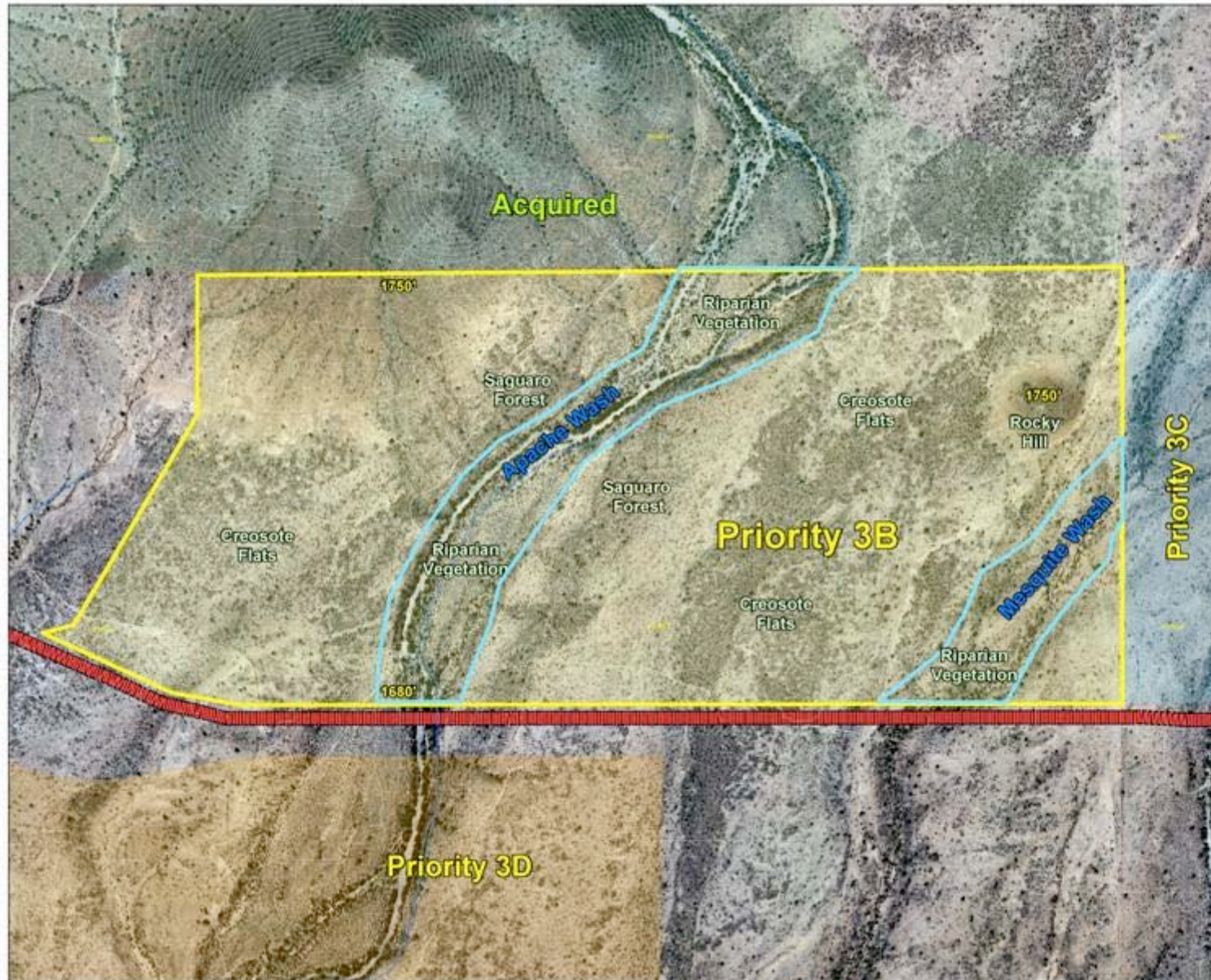
- 3B
- 3C
- 3D
- 3E
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- 5A
- 5B
- 5C
- 5D
- 5E
- 6
- 7
- Acquired
- Future Priority



Sonoran Preserve Priority 3B and 3C

- Properties slated for the Phoenix Sonoran Preserve were reclassified between 1999 and 2002
 - The City of Phoenix currently owns over 6,500 acres of Sonoran Preserve land to the west and south of Priority 3B and 3C
 - These acquisitions will result in a contiguous area of over 2,497 acres of preserved lands providing habitat connectivity for wildlife, protecting xeric washes, steep slopes and diverse Sonoran Desert vegetation.
 - Approximately 15,000 acres of Arizona State Trust Lands are identified for inclusion in the Phoenix Sonoran Preserve.
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Sonoran Preserve Priority 3B



Sonoran Preserve

Priority 3B
Key Features

SONORAN PRESERVE PRIORITY

- 3B
- 3C
- 3D
- Acquired
- Section Lines
- Future Sonoran Boulevard
- 10' Contour Interval



Exhibit Date: May 2011
0 100 200 300 400 500 Feet

Sonoran Preserve Priority 3B



Apache Wash-Xeric Riparian Area

Sonoran Preserve Priority 3B

Apache Wash-Wildlife Corridor



Sonoran Preserve Priority 3B



Diverse Upper Sonoran Desert Vegetation

Sonoran Preserve Priority 3B



Apache Wash-Steep Slopes

Sonoran Preserve Priority 3B



Scenic Values from Subject Property

Sonoran Preserve Priority 3B



Views from Subject Property to Preserved Hills

Sonoran Preserve Priority 3B



Diverse Sonoran Desert Vegetation

Sonoran Preserve Priority 3B

Creosote Flats Above Apache Wash



Sonoran Preserve Priority 3B



Scenic Values from Subject Property

Sonoran Preserve Priority 3B



Scenic Values from Subject Property

City of Phoenix

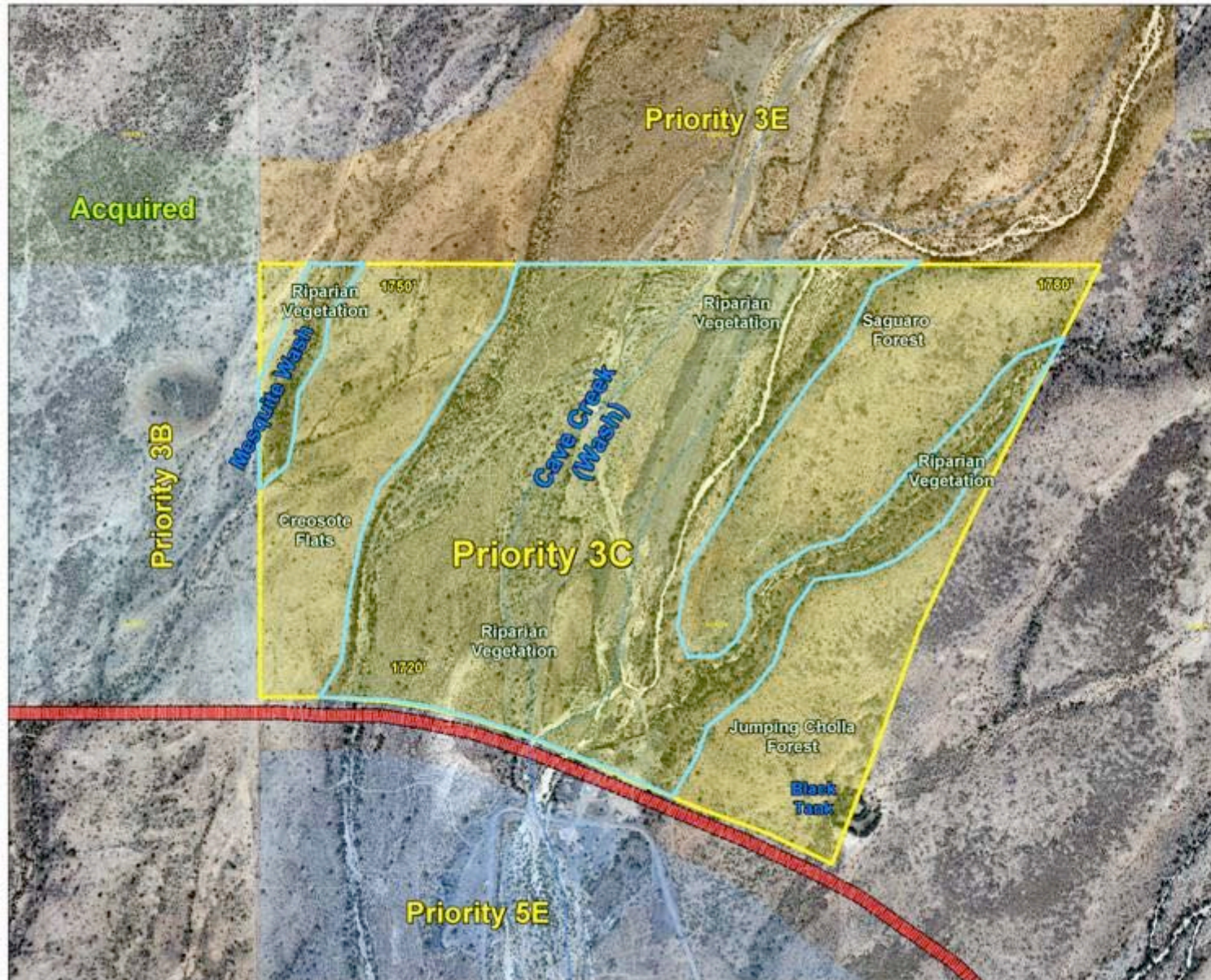
Phoenix Sonoran Preserve

Priority 3C - 271.053 Acres

This property is planned to be part of the Phoenix Sonoran Preserve and is the next planned acquisition known as Priority 3C by the City of Phoenix and ASLD. The land consists primarily of Cave Creek, other riparian areas and desert south of Carefree Highway. These lands are adjacent to lands previously purchased/conserved as the Phoenix Sonoran Preserve with Growing Smarter State Trust Land Acquisition Program funding



Sonoran Preserve Priority 3C



Sonoran Preserve

Priority 3C
Key Features

SONORAN PRESERVE
PRIORITY

- 3B
- 3C
- 3E
- 5E
- Acquired
- Section Lines
- Future Sonoran Boulevard
- 10' Contour Interval



Exhibit Date: May 2011

Sonoran Preserve Priority 3C



Mesquite Wash-Xeric Riparian Area

Sonoran Preserve Priority 3C



Large, Diverse Vegetation

Sonoran Preserve Priority 3C

Cave Creek Secondary Wash-Wildlife Corridor

Sonoran Preserve Priority 3C



Looking West from Site Towards Preserved Hills and 3B

Sonoran Preserve Priority 3C



Cave Creek-Xeric Riparian Area

Sonoran Preserve Priority 3C



Diverse Sonoran Desert Vegetation Adjacent Cave Creek

Sonoran Preserve Priority 3C

Cave Creek Tributary-Diverse Vegetation

Sonoran Preserve Priority 3C



Portion of Stock Tank on Subject Property

Sonoran Preserve Priority 3C



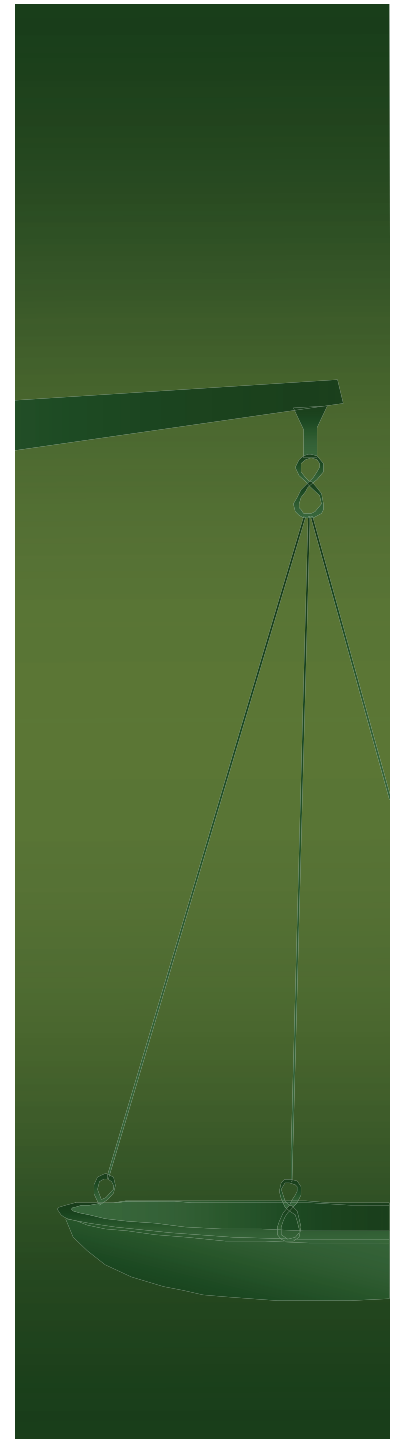
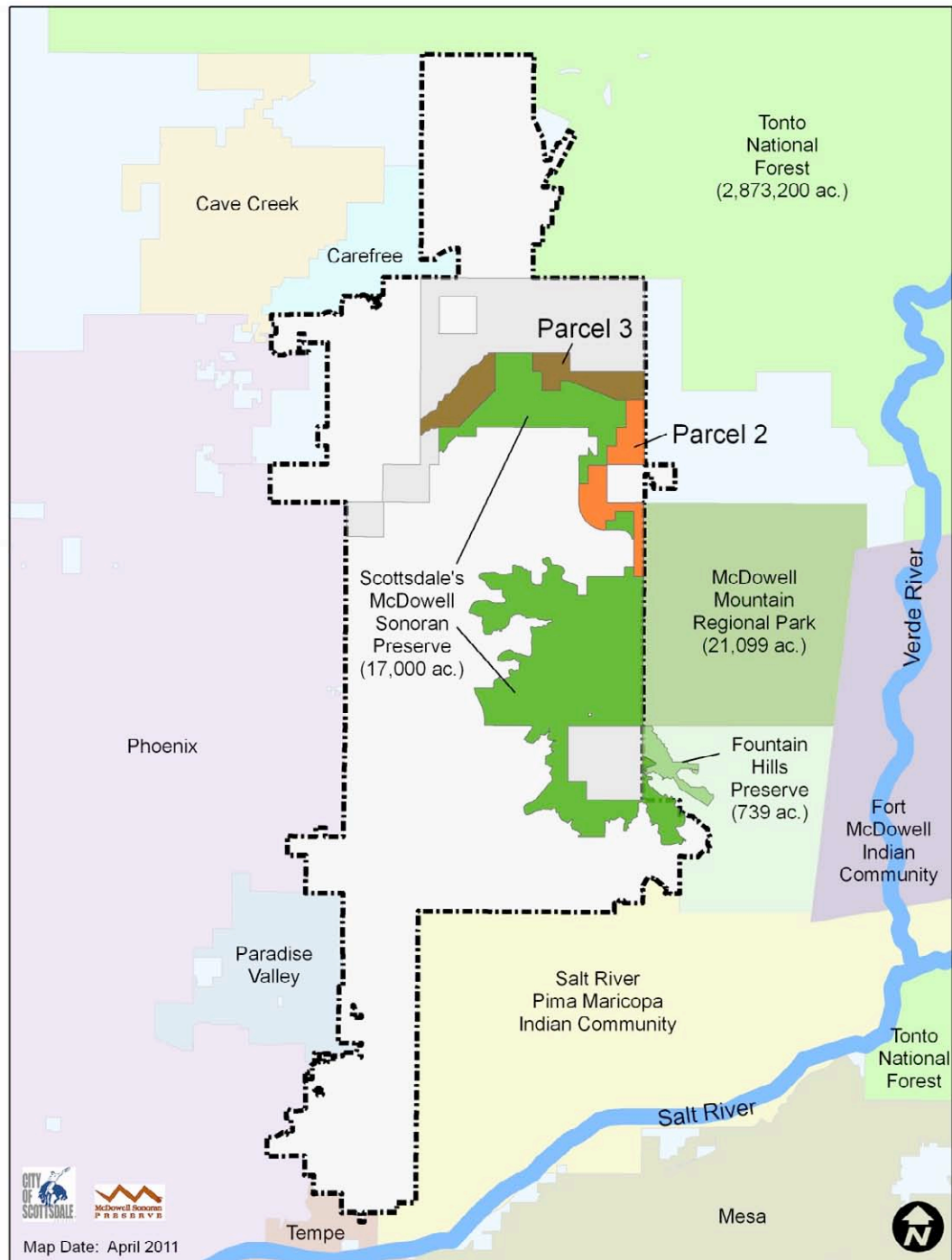
Scenic Values from Subject Property

City of Scottsdale

McDowell Sonoran Preserve

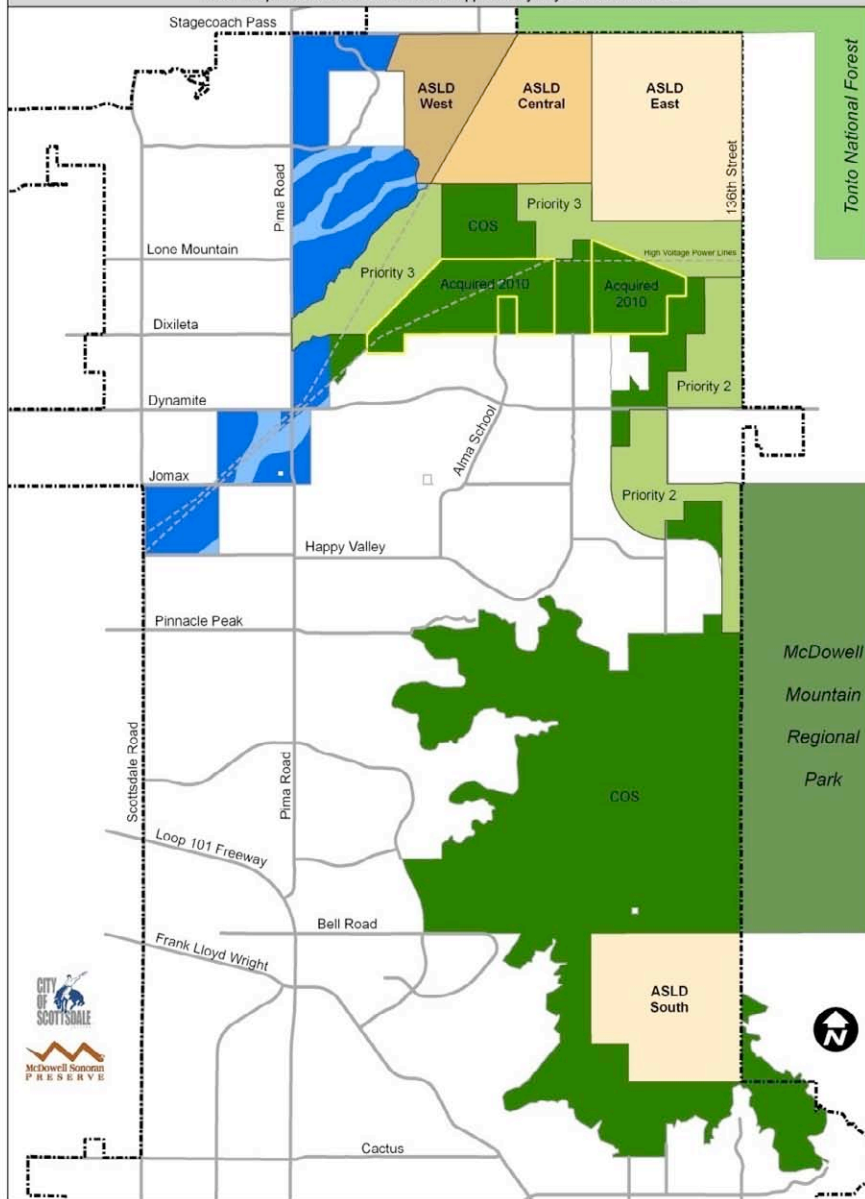
Parcel 2 – 1,937 Acres

The City of Scottsdale is applying to acquire approximately 1,937 acres of State Trust lands for inclusion in the McDowell Sonoran Preserve that will connect previously acquired lands in Township 5, Range 5 East and Township 4 North and Range 5 East. These lands are rich in scenic and geologic features, including; Rock Knob, Fraesfield Mountain, steep slopes in undulating terrain, boulder/rock outcroppings throughout the parcel, diverse and abundant Sonoran desert vegetation including several washes with extensive riparian habitat.



DRAFT - Remaining Preserve Acquisition Trust Lands - DRAFT

Note: Acquisition Priorities 2 and 3 were Approved by City Council on 9/14/2010



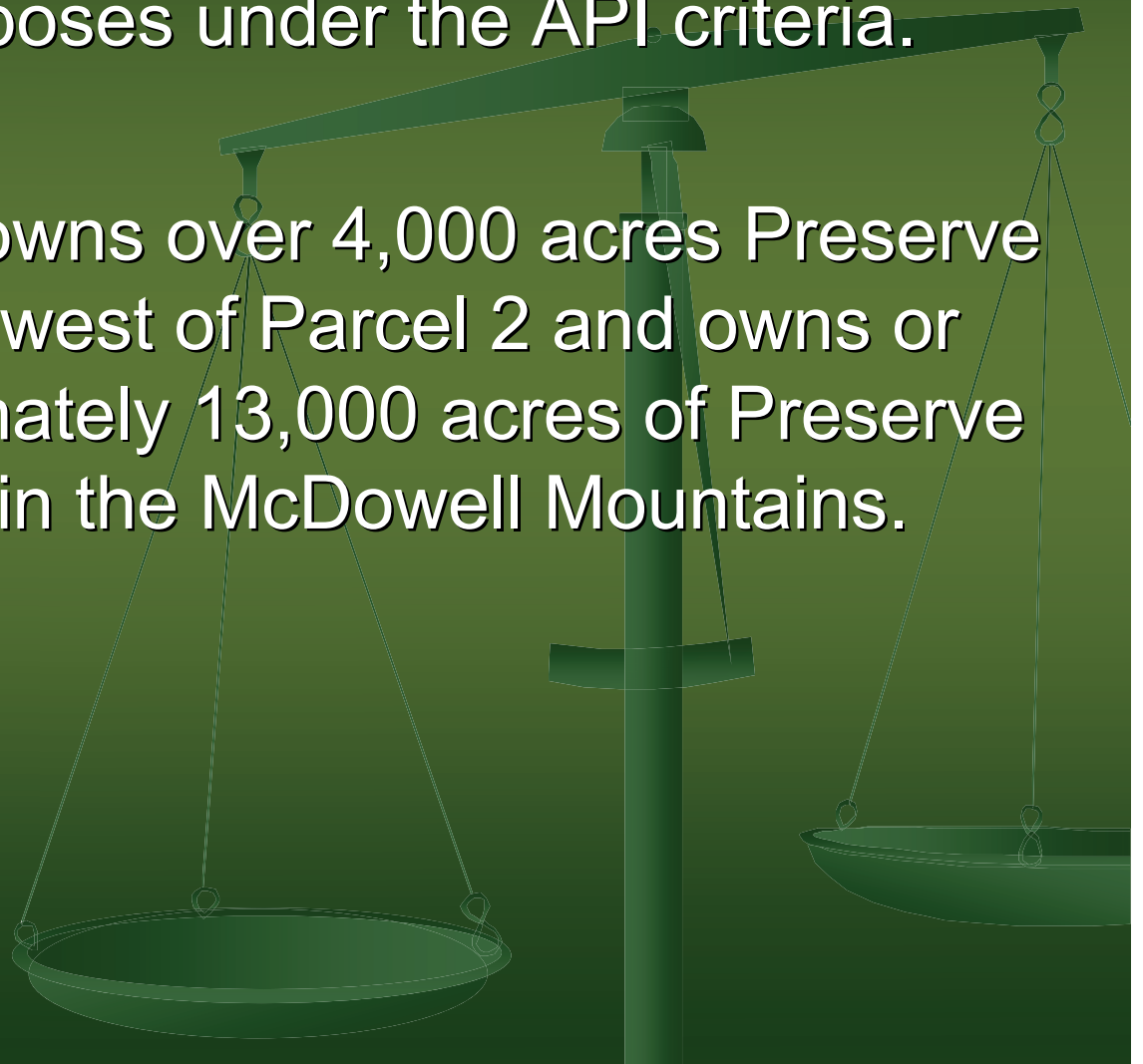
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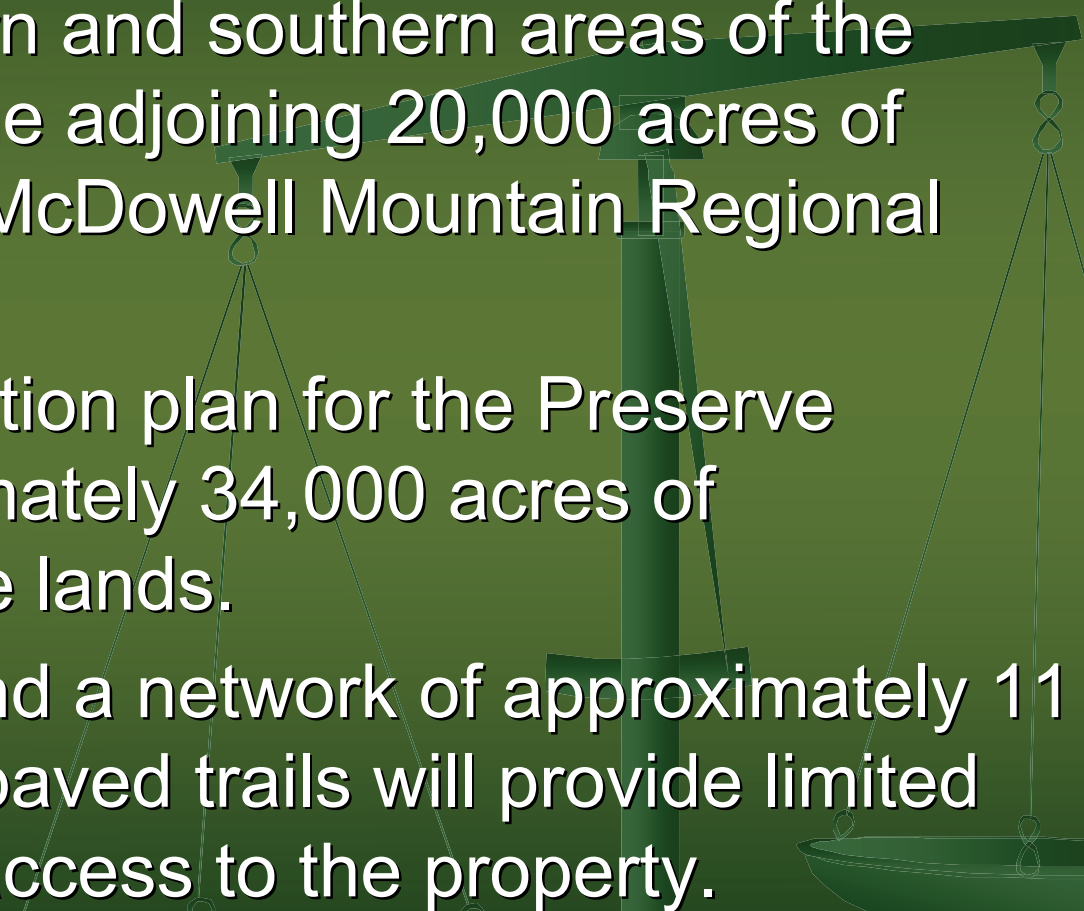
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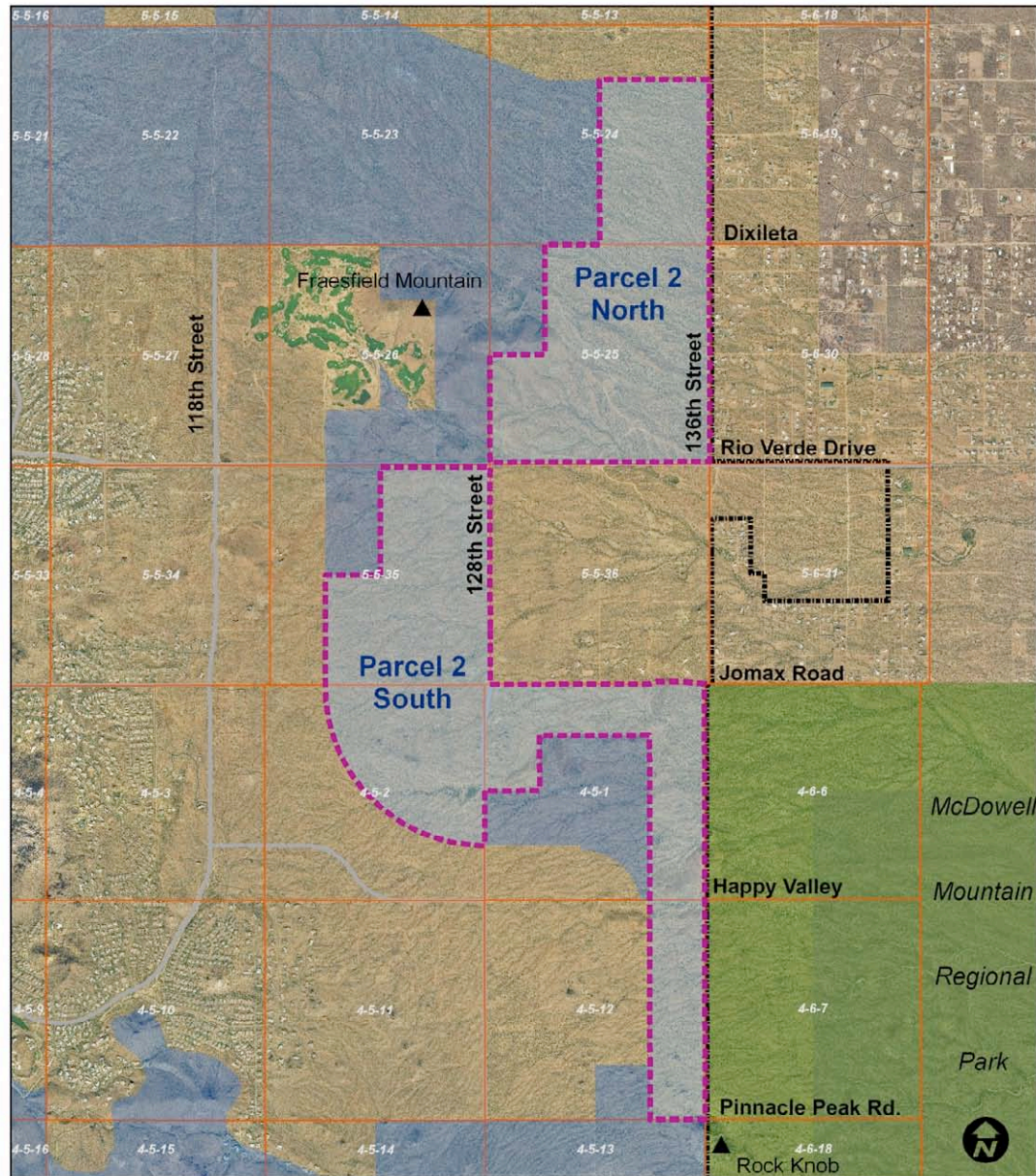
| | Priority 2 | Priority 3 | ASLD South | ASLD West | ASLD Central | ASLD East | ASLD Not Restricted | ASLD No Reclaim | COS owned or preserved | |
|-------|------------|------------|------------|-----------|--------------|-----------|---------------------|-----------------|------------------------|-------|
| Acres | 1,928 | 2,482 | 2,365 | 1,193 | 2,007 | 3,193 | 581 | 3,521 | 16,992 | Acres |

As View Projects/State Land Maps/Proposed/Preserve - 2010-12 and Beyond only

- These lands were reclassified by two separate orders of the State Land Commissioner on May 17, 2000 and August 30, 2001 as suitable for conservation purposes under the API criteria.
- The city already owns over 4,000 acres Preserve lands to the northwest of Parcel 2 and owns or controls approximately 13,000 acres of Preserve land to the south in the McDowell Mountains.



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- This acquisition will result in a contiguous area of approximately 19,000 acres of Preserve which will establish a critical wildlife corridor connection between the northern and southern areas of the Preserve and into the adjoining 20,000 acres of Maricopa County's McDowell Mountain Regional Park.
 - The ultimate acquisition plan for the Preserve anticipates approximately 34,000 acres of contiguous Preserve lands.
 - A public trailhead and a network of approximately 11 miles of existing unpaved trails will provide limited public recreational access to the property.



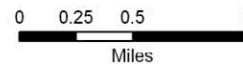
Aerial Photo - City of Scottsdale - 2011 Growing Smarter Grant Application - Parcel 2 Lands



Proposed Acquisition

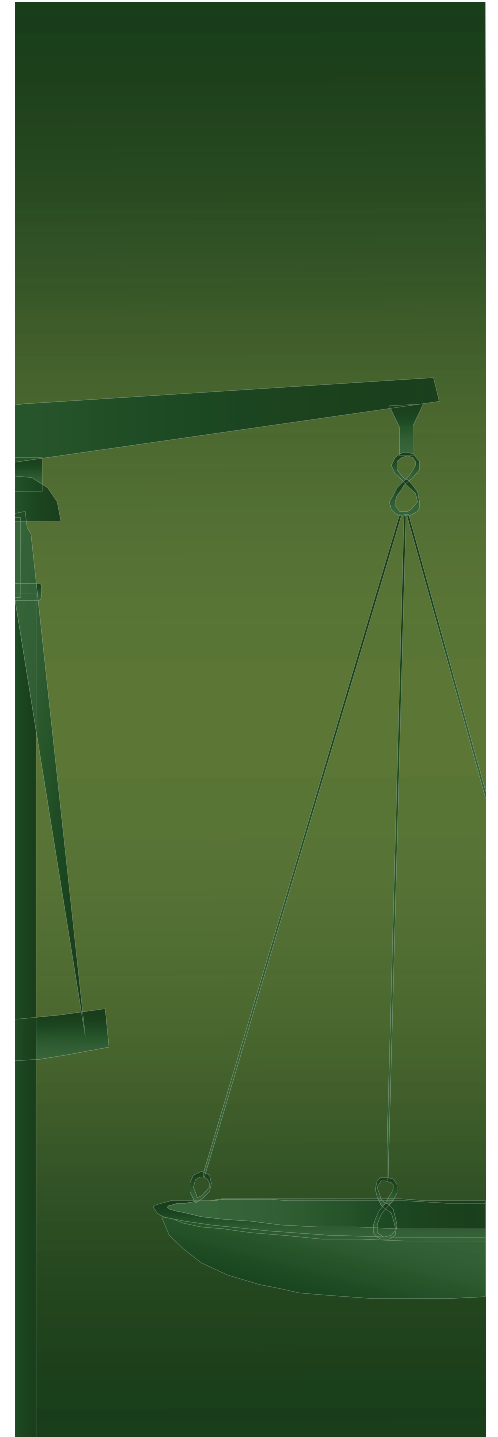


City Owned Parcels



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Representative Photo of Parcel 2

*Looking south across
Parcel 2, with McDowell
Mountains in
background*



Boulder outcrops within parcel 2. Looking southeast with McDowell Mountain on right, Superstition Mountains in center, and Four Peak on left.



*Parcel 2 - north of dynamite blvd - looking
west towards Fraesfield Mountain*



Lush upper Sonoran desert vegetation within Parcel 2



Looking northeast across Parcel 2



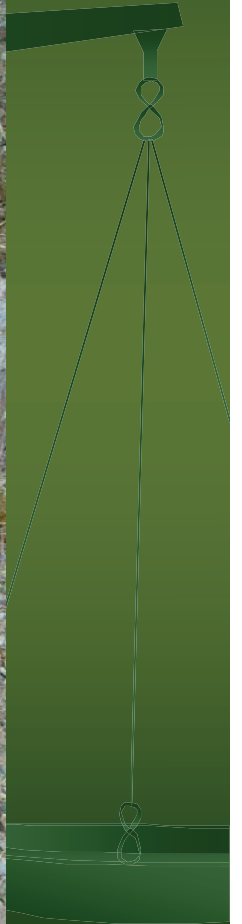
*Boulder outcrops on Parcel 2, with McDowell
Mountains in background*



Boulder outcrop along side riparian area within Parcel 2



Example of archeological resources found within Parcel 2



Large mesquite tree typical within riparian areas of Parcel 2



Shrub Live Oak inhabiting wash banks within Parcel 2

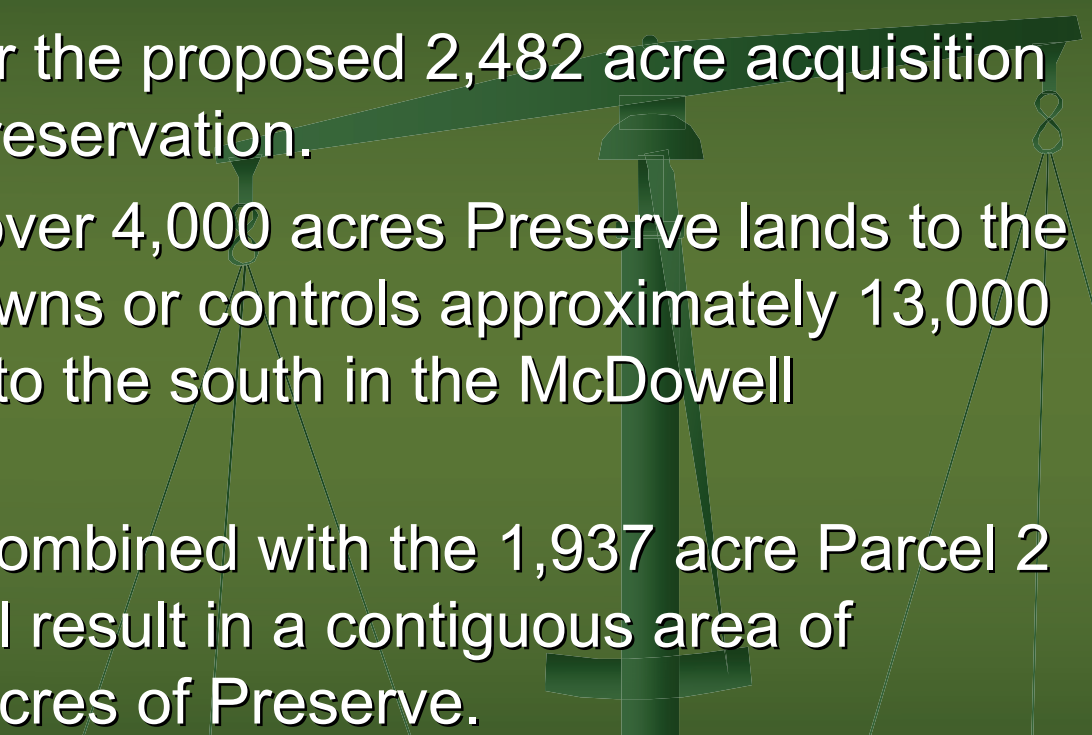


City of Scottsdale

McDowell Sonoran Preserve

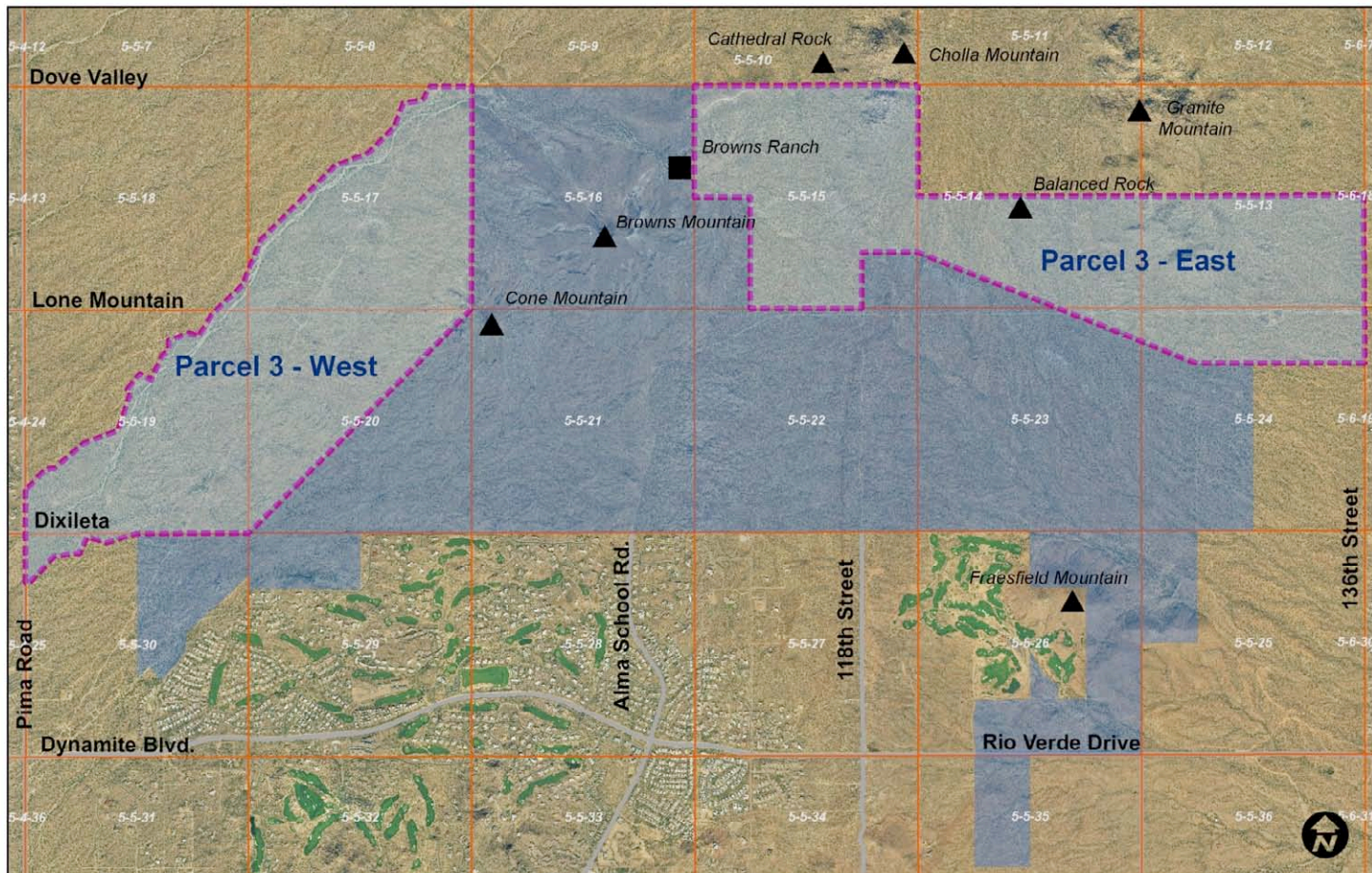
Parcel 3 – 2,482 Acres

- The City of Scottsdale is applying to acquire approximately 2,482 acres of State Trust lands for inclusion in the McDowell Sonoran Preserve that will connect previously acquired lands in Township 5, Range 5 East. These lands are rich in scenic and geologic features, including; portions of Cone, Cholla and Granite Mountains, steep slopes in undulating terrain, boulder/rock outcroppings throughout areas of both parcels, diverse and abundant Sonoran desert with extensive riparian habitat including Rawhide wash and a fault formation running through the eastern portion of the parcel.

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- These lands were reclassified by two separate orders of the State Land Commissioner on August 30, 2001 as suitable for conservation purposes under the API criteria.
 - The primary purpose for the proposed 2,482 acre acquisition will be for permanent preservation.
 - The city already owns over 4,000 acres Preserve lands to the south of Parcel 3 and owns or controls approximately 13,000 acres of Preserve land to the south in the McDowell Mountains.
 - This acquisition when combined with the 1,937 acre Parcel 2 acquisition for 2011, will result in a contiguous area of approximately 21,500 acres of Preserve.

- The ultimate acquisition plan for the Preserve anticipates approximately 34,000 acres of contiguous Preserve lands.
- A public trailhead and a network of approximately 23 miles of existing unpaved trails will provide limited public recreational access to the property.





Aerial Photo - City of Scottsdale - 2011 Growing Smarter Grant Application - Parcel 3 Lands



Proposed Acquisition



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*Looking southeast across parcel 3 towards
Pinnacle Peak and the McDowell Mountains*



Boulder outcrops and upper Sonoran Desert vegetation within parcel 3



*Boulder outcrops within Parcel 3 – with
Pinnacle Peak in the background*



View southwest within the Rawhide Wash



Saguaros and boulder outcrops at the base of Granite Mountain



*Boulder outcrops and lush upper sonoran
desert vegetation at the base of Granite
Mountain*



*Representative photo of parcel 3 – view along the
base of Granite Mountain*



Overview of Parcel 3 – looking east/northeast to Cone Mountain



Major wash corridor within Parcel 3



Boulder outcrops within parcel 3



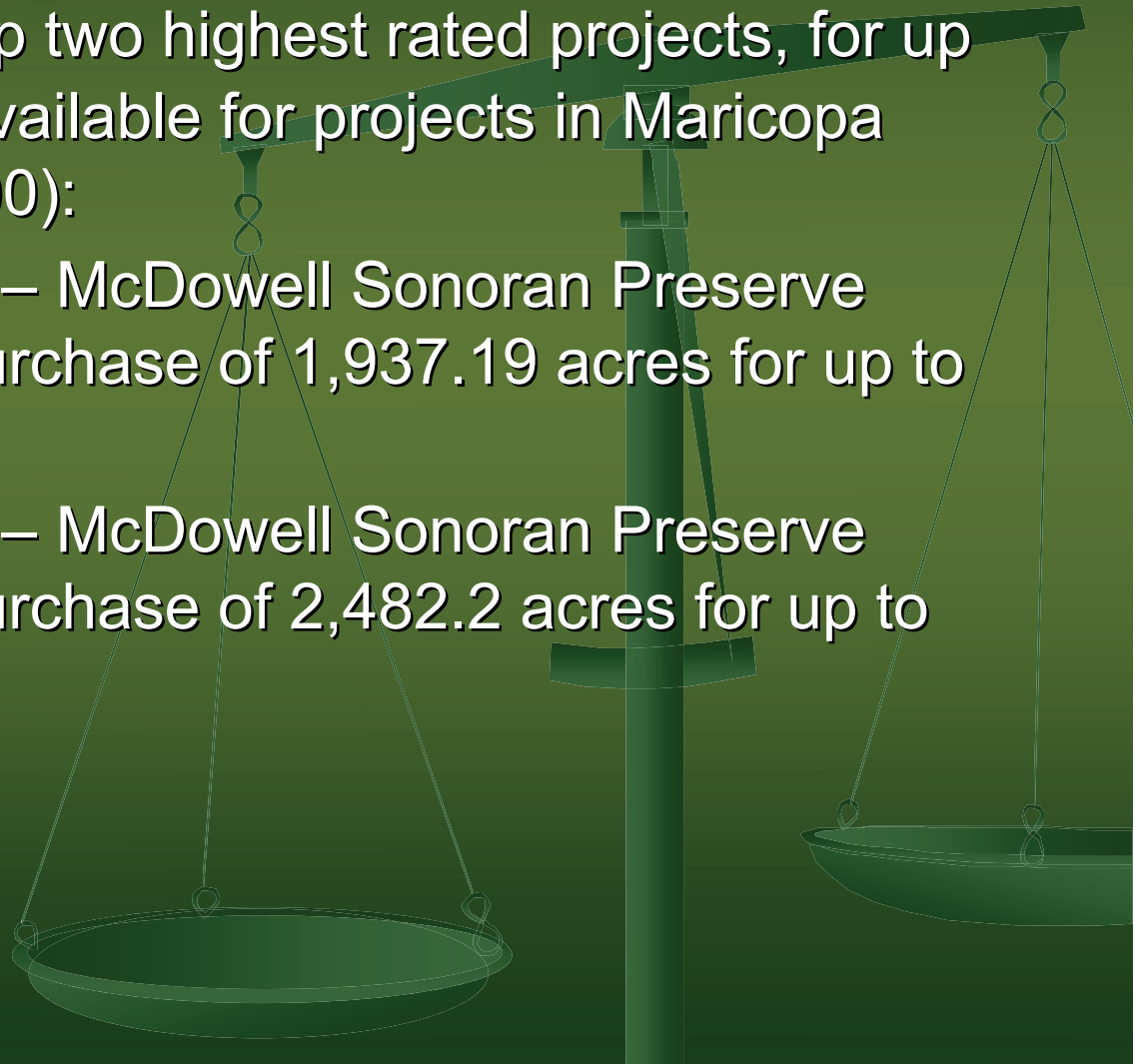
Growing Smarter State Trust Land Acquisition Grant Program FY 2011 Funding Options



Option 1

Fund the following top two highest rated projects, for up to the total amount available for projects in Maricopa County - (\$40,460,000):

- City of Scottsdale – McDowell Sonoran Preserve Parcel 2 for the purchase of 1,937.19 acres for up to \$22,550,000, and
- City of Scottsdale – McDowell Sonoran Preserve Parcel 3 for the purchase of 2,482.2 acres for up to \$17,910,000.



Option 1

| Applicant | Parcel | Acres | Total Grant Request | Total Project Cost Requested | Final Appraisal Amount | 50% Eligible Amount | Up to 10% Eligible Associated Costs | Total Amount Recommended | Amount Available \$40,460,000 | Rating Score |
|------------|--------------------------------------|----------|---------------------|------------------------------|------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------|
| Scottsdale | McDowell Sonoran Preserve - Parcel 2 | 1937.19 | \$25,000,000 | \$50,000,000 | \$41,000,000 | \$20,500,000 | \$2,050,000 | \$22,550,000 | \$17,910,000 | 46 |
| Scottsdale | McDowell Sonoran Preserve - Parcel 3 | 2482.2 | \$25,000,000 | \$50,000,000 | \$45,000,000 | \$22,500,000 | \$2,250,000 | \$17,910,000 | \$0 | 46 |
| Phoenix | Sonoran Preserve Priority 3-B | 317.911 | \$3,179,110 | \$6,358,220 | \$5,800,000 | \$2,900,000 | \$290,000 | \$0 | \$0 | 40 |
| Phoenix | Sonoran Preserve Priority 3-C | 271.053 | \$2,710,530 | \$5,421,060 | \$4,100,000 | \$2,050,000 | \$205,000 | \$0 | \$0 | 35 |
| | | 5008.354 | \$55,889,640 | \$111,779,280 | \$95,900,000 | \$47,950,000 | \$4,795,000 | \$40,460,000 | \$0 | |

Option 2

Fund the following:

- The top priority of the highest rated project for the City of Scottsdale (Parcel 2) for up to \$22,550,000, and
- Fully fund the highest rated project for the City of Phoenix (Priority 3-B) for up to \$3,190,000, and
- Fund the second priority for the City of Scottsdale (Parcel 3) up to the balance remaining of the total funding available for projects in Maricopa County, which is \$40,460,000. (The total grant award will be the sum of \$14,720,000 plus any unexpended balances from the award of \$22,550,000 to the City of Scottsdale and the award of \$3,190,000 to the City of Phoenix).

Option 2

| Applicant | Parcel | Acres | Total Grant Request | Total Project Cost Requested | Final Appraisal Amount | 50% Eligible Amount | Up to 10% Eligible Associated Costs | Total Amount Recommended | Amount Available \$40,460,000 | Rating Score |
|------------|--------------------------------------|----------|---------------------|------------------------------|------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------|
| Scottsdale | McDowell Sonoran Preserve - Parcel 2 | 1937.19 | \$25,000,000 | \$50,000,000 | \$41,000,000 | \$20,500,000 | \$2,050,000 | \$22,550,000 | \$17,910,000 | 46 |
| Scottsdale | McDowell Sonoran Preserve - Parcel 3 | 2482.2 | \$25,000,000 | \$50,000,000 | \$45,000,000 | \$22,500,000 | \$2,250,000 | \$14,720,000 | \$3,190,000 | 46 |
| Phoenix | Sonoran Preserve Priority 3-B | 317.911 | \$3,179,110 | \$6,358,220 | \$5,800,000 | \$2,900,000 | \$290,000 | \$3,190,000 | \$0 | 40 |
| Phoenix | Sonoran Preserve Priority 3-C | 271.053 | \$2,710,530 | \$5,421,060 | \$4,100,000 | \$2,050,000 | \$205,000 | \$0 | \$0 | 35 |
| | | 5008.354 | \$55,889,640 | \$111,779,280 | \$95,900,000 | \$47,950,000 | \$4,795,000 | \$40,460,000 | \$0 | |

Option 3

Fund all four applications up to an amount that equals the percentage (84.3796%) of the eligible amount for each project, based on a ratio of the total amount available to the total amount eligible (ratio of \$40,460,000 to \$47,950,000):

- City of Scottsdale – McDowell Sonoran Preserve Parcel 2 for the purchase of 1,937.19 acres for up to \$17,297,810, and
- City of Scottsdale – McDowell Sonoran Preserve Parcel 3 for the purchase of 2,482.2 acres for up to \$18,985,410, and
- City of Phoenix – Sonoran Preserve Priority 3-B for the purchase of 317.911 acres for up to \$2,447,000, and
- City of Phoenix – Sonoran Preserve Priority 3-C for the purchase of 271.053 for up to \$1,729,780.

Option 3

| Applicant | Parcel | Acres | Total Grant Request | Total Project Cost Requested | Final Appraisal Amount | 50% Eligible Amount | Up to 10% Eligible Associated Costs | Total Amount Recommended Ratio: 84.3796% | Amount Available\$40,460,000 | Rating Score |
|------------|--------------------------------------|----------|---------------------|------------------------------|------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------------------|--|------------------------------|--------------|
| Scottsdale | McDowell Sonoran Preserve - Parcel 2 | 1937.19 | \$25,000,000 | \$50,000,000 | \$41,000,000 | \$20,500,000 | \$2,050,000 | \$17,297,810 | \$23,162,190 | 46 |
| Scottsdale | McDowell Sonoran Preserve - Parcel 3 | 2482.2 | \$25,000,000 | \$50,000,000 | \$45,000,000 | \$22,500,000 | \$2,250,000 | \$18,985,410 | \$4,176,780 | 46 |
| Phoenix | Sonoran Preserve Priority 3-B | 317.911 | \$3,179,110 | \$6,358,220 | \$5,800,000 | \$2,900,000 | \$290,000 | \$2,447,000 | \$1,729,780 | 40 |
| Phoenix | Sonoran Preserve Priority 3-C | 271.053 | \$2,710,530 | \$5,421,060 | \$4,100,000 | \$2,050,000 | \$205,000 | \$1,729,780 | \$0 | 35 |
| | | 5008.354 | \$55,889,640 | \$111,779,280 | \$95,900,000 | \$47,950,000 | \$4,795,000 | \$40,460,000 | \$0 | |